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Rifkind talks of autumn challenge

Major ready to get rid of Hanley

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Tories believe that John Major has decided to move Jeremy Hanley from his post as Conservative Party Chairman.

Predictions of Mr Hanley's demise came as Cabinet jitters over the Prime Minister's own future led two senior ministers openly to contradict one another about the likelihood of a leadership challenge. Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, became the first Cabinet minister to say that Mr Major could be challenged in the autumn. David Hunt, the Cabinet troubleshooter, ruled out the possibility.

According to well-placed sources, the Prime Minister has reluctantly come to the conclusion that the accident-prone Mr Hanley lacks the presentational and political skills to survive the rigours of fronting a three-week general election campaign.

He is expected to wait until a summer reshuffle to move Mr Hanley to another post or drop him from the Cabinet. However, some leading Tories want him to act more quickly, making Mr Hanley the scapegoat for the "massacre" expected in the May 4 local elections.

"The Prime Minister has given up on the chairman," one insider said. "He knows we cannot go into an election with him at Central Office."

Mr Hunt dismissed suggestions that the loss of a thousand or more council seats could trigger a leadership contest in the autumn. "It is completely hypothetical and it is not going to happen," he said on BBC television.

Mr Rifkind came closer to reflecting the increasingly restive mood on the Tory benches by acknowledging that the Prime Minister could face a challenge. "It is always possible you'll get some very foolish individual backbencher who might put himself up just as ... a stalking horse. But I don't think it will be very significant," he said on BBC radio.



Hanley: guilty of a succession of gaffes

As John Carlisle, one of Mr Major's most outspoken right-wing critics, called for a contest to "clear the air", prominent figures from both wings of the party privately admitted that plots were being hatched to oust Mr Major from power in the summer.

Their taste for intrigue seemed little affected by the latest MORI poll for *The Sunday Times*, which suggested that the Tories had little to gain by ditching Mr Major. It found that Labour's 34-point lead would be cut by only three points if Michael Heseltine was Prime Minister.

The President of the Board of Trade, the front-runner to take over, has made it clear he will not move against the Prime Minister. But if Mr Major does decide to step down, Mr Heseltine is said to favour a "bloodless coup" in which the party is spared a divisive contest between Left, Right and Centre.

Mr Heseltine is said to doubt whether the Tories could recover from the spectacle of himself, Kenneth Clarke, Michael Portillo and possibly others openly battling for the crown. Instead, he is said to hope that the other contenders might agree to stand aside and allow him to take over as the man best placed to give the Tories a sporting chance.

Yesterday, Mr Heseltine's supporters indicated that they were putting out feelers to the Right, assuring it of a "dominant" role in any Heseltine-led government with Mr Portillo occupying a senior post such as Foreign or Trade Secretary.

One of Mr Heseltine's admirers said: "If it does happen — and the odds on Major going by the end of the year are 50:50 — he should go voluntarily instead of via a stalking horse challenge in the autumn and there has to be a deal between the Left and the Right.

"The Right is the dominant section within the party and the Centre-Left will have to go along with this. If the two wings decide to unite behind Hezza — and they are close to doing that — it also preserves Portillo for the future."

However, sources close to the other possible candidates

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JOHN SIBLEY



Damon Hill shows his frustration after spinning off in yesterday's Saõ Paolo race

Pay of armed forces 'should be linked to performance'

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE armed forces are expected to be switched to performance-related pay in a radical review of conditions of service recommended by a report to be published by the Ministry of Defence next week.

A number of allowances which in the past have added significantly to pay packets, such as boarding school grants and flying pay, are also to be cut back, although not abolished. The boarding school allowance, equivalent to up to 80 per cent of fees, will no longer be handed out as of right to anyone posted overseas.

The proposed changes follow a review by Michael Bett, a former deputy chairman of British Telecom, who was asked to recommend a pay and management structure for the services that was appropriate for the post-Cold War Nineties and beyond.

Although some of his proposals are controversial, the aim of his inquiry was to rid the services of an antiquated and complex system which involves dozens of different pay bands, based on length of service and rank, and a wide range of allowances depending on whether a man or woman is serving at home or overseas.

The most radical proposal is understood to be the recommended introduction of performance-related pay. Instead of having similar pay scales for all three services, there would be a basic rate which would rise according to a person's responsibilities and achievements.

Six-monthly assessments are already carried out on all officers and Defence Ministry officials believe it is feasible to extend the system to pay.

One ministry source said: "It's not a question of how well you perform in a war, there aren't many wars to go round. But the concept fits in with the Government's policy of rewarding higher levels of achievement. So, for example, an officer on, say, a basic pay of £40,000 might get a performance-related bonus of £1,500."

In the process of rationalising the scales, a number of ranks are expected to be axed, including second lieutenant in the Army and pilot officer in the RAF.

Other proposals are expected to include longer tours abroad, increasing from two years to between three and five, providing greater stability for the serviceman and his family. With extended tours, there would be less need to send children to boarding schools in Britain, thus reducing the demand for the school fees' allowance.

The flying allowance, which amounts to more than £5,000 a year, is paid to qualified pilots and reviewed every five years, even if they rarely fly an aircraft. This payment is expected to be restricted to those who fly operationally on a regular basis.

Defence Ministry sources said it was likely there would be a transitional period before the changes in pay were implemented. Although the inquiry was not intended as a cost-cutting exercise, the changes proposed are likely to bring savings.

Performance-related pay was one of the most bitterly attacked proposals made by Sir Patrick Sheehy in his report in June 1993 on police responsibilities and rewards.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, decided against the full scheme and instead approved an "appraisal" system based on an officer's experience and skills. A pilot scheme is due to be introduced next year.

Open borders bring chaos

Seven of the 15 European Union states abolished internal borders yesterday and created immediate chaos among air travellers. Britain has not signed the Schengen accord, and British passengers landing in Madrid found themselves queueing, while French and Germans were waved through ..... Page 10

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Unspent millions lift water profits

Water companies have charged hundreds of millions of pounds for sewer renovation which has not been spent, industry experts say. The cash has helped 25 directors to paper profits of £4 million, according to *Panorama*... Page 2

US military action urged over men jailed in Iraq

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration was urged last night to consider taking military action against Baghdad after two Americans were jailed for eight years for straying across the Iraqi border.

Richard Lugar, a Republican senator who is seeking his party's presidential nomination, said that America should explore its military options in the affair. He said in an interview on *NBC News*: "I think we have to take that chance."

The belligerent remark echoed the angry reaction in Washington to the jailing of William Barloon, 39, and David Daliberti, 41, for having entered Iraq illegally. Asked if America was considering military retaliation, Leon Panetta, White House Chief of Staff, said: "I'm not going to comment on what the President does or does not consider with regards to that area." However, he said America wanted an immediate release of the two men.

Relations between Washington and Baghdad are already more strained than usual. The Clinton Administration has persuaded the United Nations Security Council not to lift sanctions imposed after the Gulf War because Iraq is still failing to comply with UN resolutions over weapons of mass destruction and war reparations.

There is hope that President Saddam Hussein could exercise his powers of pardon, as he did for three Britons and for an American.

☐ In northern Iraq, the UN evacuated nearly 2,000 Turkish Kurd refugees, most of them women and children, out of the line of fire as Turkey continued its offensive against PKK rebels. The continuing military action was denounced yesterday by Lord Archer, the former Tory chairman, who was fund-raising for the Iraqi Kurds.

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Hill forced out of Brazil Grand Prix

BY OLIVER HOLT AND KATHRYN KNIGHT

DAMON HILL failed to finish in the Brazilian Grand Prix yesterday when he spun off the track with gearbox problems after 31 laps of the 71-lap race.

Michael Schumacher of Germany, the world champion, took the chequered flag in the opening race of the season, but his win was not immediately confirmed because of an inquiry into the fuel he used. Britain's David Coulthard, Hill's team-mate, was second.

It was confirmed yesterday that Hill and Coulthard have joined the growing number of British Formula One drivers leaving Britain for financial benefits abroad.

Hill, who moved to Ireland two weeks ago with his wife Georgie and children Oliver, 5, and Joshua, 3, is now renting a detached home in a seaside village on the outskirts of Dublin. Coulthard has rented an apartment in Monaco, the favoured haunt of Schumacher, among other grand prix stars.

The two racers have both recently had significant pay rises, which is understood to have precipitated their decisions to move.

A new contract with Williams doubled Hill's annual earnings to £1 million, while Coulthard's move from test driver to front rank raised his salary to £500,000 at the beginning of the year.

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Lord Cardigan halts charge of party brigade

BY EMMA WILKINS



Lord Cardigan: refused key to ancestral home

THE party was over before it began for 600 people who bought tickets for a black-tie event at the ancestral home of the Earl of Cardigan. He refused to hand over the keys a few hours before the starting time and may face legal action from the organisers.

Lord Cardigan, trustee of Tottenham House, a Grade I listed Palladian mansion near Marlborough, Wiltshire, had earlier agreed to the party. But when the organisers failed to provide buildings insurance he pulled out of the arrangement on Friday.

One of the partygoers who had paid £15 for a ticket expressed his displeasure by being sick out of a car window at the feet of Lord Cardigan, who spent six hours at the gates telling 75 carloads of guests that the party was off.

Lord Cardigan, 42, whose distant forebear led the charge of the Light Brigade, said: "I was told this was going to be a respectable black-tie party. But judging by the sort of people that turned up, many of them wouldn't know what a black tie was, frankly."

He was approached earlier this year by Luke Summerbee and Mark Lodge, who last year founded a party-organising company called Premier Events. The pair, who are discussing legal action with their solicitors, have organised events at Grittleton Manor, near Bath, and Cheltenham Town Hall.

After providing public liability insurance, they were told that they needed to provide buildings insurance to cover the risk of fire or damage. When they failed to produce the insurance certificate, Lord Cardigan decided not to loan the ancestral seat, which the family left just after the Second World War.

He said: "When I saw the sort of people who were turning up — their dress and their behaviour — I could almost feel my house breathing a sigh of relief. Some of them had cans of beer under their coats and one just wound down his window and vomited on the drive." Lord Cardigan, who lives near Tottenham House at Savernake Lodge with his wife Rosamond, is joint trustee for the building, which is valued at £9 million. Until last year Tottenham House was home to Hawtreys preparatory school, which has since merged with the Prince of Wales's prep school, Cheam, near Newbury, Berkshire.

"Imagine what would have happened if I had let the party go ahead and the house had burned down," Lord Cardigan said. "People would have doubted my sanity. I told the organisers that I was not prepared to hand over the keys unless they provided building insurance. After weeks of trying to get answers, they finally admitted at 6pm on the night of the party that they didn't have it."

Mr Lodge, 21, said: "We will be discussing things with our solicitors to see if there is a possibility of litigation against Lord Cardigan. This whole thing has given the company a bad name. It will be very difficult now to fund our next events."

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Attachés dig in as budgets come under fire


Soames: report not divulged

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

TWO British defence attachés in Japan, where Britain does not sell arms, spent slightly more on official entertaining last year than John Major on No 10 receptions. The figures are £33,064 spent in Tokyo and £33,000 in Downing Street.

An air commodore, a captain, a brigadier and a wing commander based in Paris spent £56,985. Britain also does not sell arms in France.Britain's 109 defence attachés, who serve in 70 countries, spent £977,820 on entertaining. In only 26 of the 70 countries does Britain sell arms or has a licence to sell arms.

The defence entertainment allowance figures, obtained by Derek Fatchett, a Labour's defence spokesman, from a series of questions to the Ministry of Defence, are revealed against the background of a comprehensive examination by the Treasury of Foreign Office spending, including diplomatic entertainment costs.

Jonathan Aitken, the Treasury minister charged with looking for spending cuts, is said to be about to launch an onslaught on the lifestyle of British diplomats. The Foreign Office spends about £130 million a year on entertaining and a source said yesterday: "Diplomatic staff always put emphasis on their representational role. We don't want mean-spirited diplomats. But they shouldn't be extravagant."

By far the largest defence attaché entertainment budget is in Washington, where eight attachés spent £224,000 last year. Other big spenders include a team of four attachés in Bonn (£27,319), and two in Rome (£27,816). Last week the Government disclosed that the Prime Minister spent £33,000 entertaining in Downing Street in 1993-94.

In Stockholm, a wing commander and a lieutenant colonel spent £26,408. In dry Saudi Arabia, three attachés based in Riyadh spent £21,281. A naval captain in Bridgetown, Barbados, enjoys an entertainment allowance of £6,099. Our man in Santiago, Chile, also a naval captain, spent £8,455 on entertaining, and our sole representative in Accra, Ghana, spent £72,039.

Military attachés overseas are appointed by the Ministry of Defence in consultation with the Foreign Secretary. Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, described their function as "supporting the sale of British defence equipment and related services; aiding defence co-operation, including military assistance overseas, performing representational and liaison duties and providing advice to the head of mission and diplomatic staff".

The Ministry of Defence recently carried out a study of the cost-effectiveness of its military attachés but has refused to divulge the findings. Mr Soames disclosed last week that the report, known as the Goddard Study, had cost £65,000.

Mr Fatchett yesterday said: "These figures for entertaining seem very high but I cannot really say whether they are justified or not. We simply don't know because the Government won't tell us."

The overall cost of our military attachés abroad to the taxpayer in 1994-95 is estimated by the MoD to be £25.7 million. That does not include accommodation costs, which are covered by the Foreign Office.

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Water firms 'kept back £200m meant for repairs'

BY LINDSAY COOK

THE privatised water companies have increased their profits by leaving unspent more than £200 million intended for renewing sewers, pipes and other installations, industry experts say.

Customers have been charged extra to pay for repairing the decaying sewers network but the unspent sum "found its way into company profit and loss accounts", according to BBC1's *Panorama*.

The programme, to be shown tonight, also reveals that a paper profit of £4 million has been made on share options by 25 directors of water companies. It reports that David Cranston, chief executive of Northumbrian Water, the first privatised water company subject to a takeover bid, has made £413,000. Roderick Paul, chief executive of Severn Trent, has made £358,600 and Vic Cocker of Severn Trent has made £200,000.

Water companies have outperformed the stock market by about 50 per cent. Mike Matthews, a pollution consultant and former National Rivers Authority inspector, said: "The basic aim of the game, under the current rules, is you price high, build cheap and pocket the difference.

"The capital programme, the amount being spent on new works, is actually going down every year. And yet the turnover from customers' bills is actually going up. And it's not surprising in those circumstances that you see the profitability of the companies increasing year upon year. If you delay your capital expenditure, you increase your profits within any given year."

Of the £773 million raised from customers' bills for infrastructure renewal, only £556 million has been spent. The other £217 million has been deferred.

Norman Walker of the sewer firm Insituform Permaline says that the promise of investment in sewers had not materialised. "It was going to be boom time. For the next five years there was that much work in front of the water companies on the infrastructure network that the whole of the industry invested heavily, took on more people, invested on training, equipment, knowing that there was going to be no let-up in the five-year period.

"And we've now got companies going out of business or having equipment standing, and people having to be made redundant." He believed the cuts by water companies were "basically to enhance their balance sheets, their accounts, their profit figures, and to keep the share value up. It's a help in the City."

Colin Skellett, managing director of Wessex Water and a spokesman for the industry, said that at the time of privatisation money was earmarked for sewer renovation each year but other priorities had taken over. "We've been spending more money on dealing with sewer flooding, on dealing with pollution incidents, so there's been less in the first five years on sewer renovation. That's starting to shift now, and we'll see this spend on sewer renovation rise over the coming years."

Thames Water negotiated with Ofwat, the water regulator, to spend £2.1 billion over five years on infrastructure improvements and was permitted to increase bills by more than the rate of inflation. Since the negotiations the company has reduced the bill by £350 million.

The programme says that the water companies have made over £6.5 billion profits since privatisation.


Cranston: made £413,000

JULIAN HERBERT


A soldier demonstrates the art of teamwork during the Territorial Army Courage Trophy competition at Pirbright in Surrey. More than 200 men and women took part

Howard turns to public for verdict on law and order

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD is planning a national tour to promote the Government's law and order Act and convince the public that the system now favours the victim rather than the criminal.

The Home Secretary is expected to visit towns and cities throughout England and Wales in the early summer after the final parts of the 172 section Criminal Justice and Public Order Act come into force.

Westminster sources confirmed that Mr Howard had been anxious to highlight the scope of the Act. The tour is intended to assist him to get across his message that the police and courts have been given powers to deal with criminals effectively.

But his task will not be made easier by remarks by Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, that the criminal justice system is on the brink of losing the confidence of the police and public. In an interview published yesterday, the Home Secretary conceded: "Yes, we do need to do more."

He is considering legislation in the next session of Parliament to change aspects of the law on evidence which police feel favour professional criminals. They say it is unfair that an accused person can keep all his cards close to his chest until the trial but the prosecution has to disclose most of its evidence.

Mr Howard will also highlight government plans to toughen community penalties to ensure that the public regards them as a punishment and not a soft option, as well as his drive to introduce a "carrot and stick" approach to discipline within jails.

His tour is likely to begin after he announces next month that most of the measures in the Act, including powers to impose conditions on suspects granted bail and a modification the right to silence, have started.

He is likely to receive a boost with the publication of crime figures, due within the next few weeks, which Home Office sources suggest will show a further drop. Recorded crime in the 12 months to June 1994 fell by 5.5 per cent to 5.3 million, the largest fall for 40 years.

Major to emphasise Britain's global outlook

BY JAMES LANDALE AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN MAJOR will try to reassure Tory Euro-sceptics this week by urging Britain to raise its sights to the wider world and by emphasising the country's global interests.

In a key foreign policy speech on which he has been working for months, the Prime Minister will attempt to break out of the European straitjacket that has dominated the foreign policy debate in recent years. He will highlight Britain's strong economic links with countries outside the European Union and please the sceptics in his ranks by reasserting the primacy of the nation state.

In a remark underlining his hostility to a federal Europe, Mr Major will praise the nation state as an "anchor of stability" in the more volatile international climate stemming from the end of the Cold War. Although Mr Major's address to the "Britain in the World" conference in London on Wednesday is not intended as a statement of his European policy, it is expected to win plaudits from right-wingers who have been issuing warnings against identifying too closely with the EU.

Mr Major will point out that one third of the nation's output depends on trade and that the Britain is one of the largest recipients of foreign investment in the world, and one of the biggest investors overseas. He will signal a shift in the priorities of the Foreign Office by suggesting that it needs to make bigger efforts to promote British industry abroad. The Prime Minister will point to British membership of the UN Security Council, Nato and other alliances and its possession of nuclear weapons as evidence of its continuing world role.

The conference, sponsored by the Foreign Office and the Royal Institute of International Affairs, aims to reassess Britain's assets and see if they are being used to their full potential. Henry Kissinger, a former American Secretary of State, will outline how Britain is seen from the United States, particularly in light of recent tensions between London and Washington over Northern Ireland.

William Rees Mogg, page 18

NEWS IN BRIEF

NHS staff ignore appeal over pay

Nurses, midwives and other NHS workers ignored an appeal from the Government yesterday not to resort to industrial action over pay. They plan to go ahead with demonstrations this week. Organisers hope the public will back their call for an improvement to a 1 per cent across-the-board rise, with up to a further 2 per cent to be negotiated locally.

The Royal College of Nursing is poised to end its 80-year-old no-strike policy in protest at the pay award. The college's council is likely to back a change that would allow limited industrial action. The college's 300,000 members are to be balloted next month. The Government will come under further pressure over pay in the Commons on Wednesday when Labour challenges the Treasury's refusal to fully fund the 2.7 per cent teachers' pay award.

Sinn Fein seeks talks

Martin McGuinness yesterday warned the Government to avoid complacency over the Northern Ireland peace process as he renewed his demand for multi-party talks. Mr McGuinness, who has been leading the Sinn Fein delegation in exploratory talks with civil servants, forecast on BBC1's *On the Record* that he would meet a Government minister within a week, adding: "Many people will be disappointed if that does not take place."

Humphreys 'was wrong'

BBC chiefs gave a little ground yesterday in the face of an attack on the corporation's impartiality by Jonathan Aitken, the Treasury Chief Secretary. Tony Hall, managing director of BBC news and current affairs, said John Humphreys, the *Today* presenter, should have pulled out of chairing a debate on education cuts when it became apparent that the Conservatives were not going to take part but he defended Mr Humphreys as "a fine journalist".

New cancer unit closes

A new cancer unit has been closed three months after it opened because of a shortage of nurses. The 19-bed ward in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, cost £500,000 to equip and was the first stage of the new £9 million South Birmingham Oncology Centre. Hospital managers said the ward had been closed because of staff sickness and would reopen next month. A spokesman said: "We are training more nurses to get it open as soon as possible."

Record number pay tax

The number of taxpayers will be at an all-time high of 26.2 million from next month, according to Treasury figures. Labour blamed the increase — 500,000 from last April and 800,000 from the last election — on the cut in the married couple's allowance and the freezing of personal allowances over the past two years. However, the Government said that economic growth, and the resulting increase in the workforce, was mainly responsible.

Hindley suspects mole

The Moors murderer Myra Hindley has requested a transfer to a top security prison from her "soft" women-only jail following a series of information leaks, her solicitor claims. Andrew McCooey said that ever since Hindley arrived at Cookham Wood in Kent in 1983 a "mole" at the prison had been leaking stories about her to the press. He said: "She now hopes that as she serves her life sentence at Durham she may be left alone."

Trauma cases open

A High Court judge today begins hearing four test cases brought by South Yorkshire police officers against their chief constable for trauma they claim to have suffered during the 1989 Hillsborough stadium football disaster. The hearing will determine if claims from 19 other officers should go ahead. Richard Wells, the South Yorkshire Chief Constable, Sheffield Wednesday, owners of the ground, and its engineers, Eastwood and Partners, deny liability.

Tributes to trainer

Show-jumpers paid tribute yesterday to Jane Taylor, one of the sport's leading trainers, who died after a riding accident. Mrs Taylor, 57, was crushed after an inexperienced mare fell at a fence near her stables at Bourton-on-the-Hill, Gloucestershire. Her husband, Christopher, said: "Her death has devastated everyone. It is a mystery what happened." Carl Hester, the Olympic dressage competitor, said: "It is impossible to imagine life without her."

Lottery rolls to £17m

This week's National Lottery jackpot will be an estimated £17 million as the game enters another roll-over week. There were no winners of last week's jackpot of just over £10 million but eight people will collect nearly £391,000 for matching five numbers plus the bonus ball. Camelot, the lottery organiser, said that the main game had been unaffected by the introduction last week of Instants scratchcards.

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Bafta funeral for Four Weddings

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

BRITAIN'S biggest-ever box office hit, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, failed to pick up a single Bafta award last night when the trophies for production were handed out in Glasgow. The film, which grossed £168 million worldwide, was nominated in three categories. Instead, the film production awards were dominated by three films; *Interview with the Vampire*, *The Adventures of Priscilla Queen of the Desert* and *Speed*, each of which won two awards.

Four Weddings has been nominated for seven awards in the performance categories which will be announced next month. The television awards were dominated by the BBC, which picked up eight awards, but ITV bagged a number of the most prestigious trophies. Cilla Black won the Lew Grade award for the most significant and popular programme on British television with her LWT programme *Blind Date* which has been running continuously on ITV for ten years.

Black, the first recipient of this award, collected it at the King's Theatre in Glasgow before an audience which included The Princess Royal, Robbie Coltrane and Catherine Zeta Jones. The Dennis Potter award for writing went to Jimmy McGovern who wrote the controversial ITV series *Cracker*. The Richard Dimbleby award for the most important contribution in factual television went to the BBC's Desmond Lynam.

ITN received a special award in recognition of its 40th anniversary as the main news provider for British commercial television and Edward Mirzoeff, who made the acclaimed documentary about the Queen, *Elizabeth R*, picked up the Alan Clark award for outstanding creative contribution to television.

Major ready to replace Hanley

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have indicated that they doubt that power could be handed over without a contest. Mr Major's backers insisted that he would fight "cat and dog" any move to unseat him.

Mr Hanley's reputation has been undone by a string of gaffes, most recently the sweeping observation that "Labour local government tends to be corrupt", from which Mr Major and other ministers have distanced themselves. Senior figures fear that under the stresses of a general election campaign, he would make too many mistakes and prove a serious liability.

Among those being tipped to take over are Tom King, the former Defence Secretary, and John MacGregor, the former Transport Secretary. They are both seen as the "safe pair of hands" the Prime Minister would want at Central Office.

From the current Cabinet, only Mr Hunt is thought to be keen to stake his political future on taking over the Herculean task of reviving the party's fortunes.

During his year at Central Office, Mr Hanley has been plagued by the Tories' continuing shortage of money and has been forced to make scores of staff redundant. Central Office insiders say he is also poor at delegating and that his tendency to make gaffes stems from his reluctance to accept detailed briefings before making media appearances.

The MORI survey, carried out on Friday, found that Labour's lead would be slightly bigger if Mr Clarke or Mr Portillo were leader. Voters saw Mr Heseltine and Mr Major as equally able to lead the Tories into the next election, while Tory supporters gave Mr Major a 20-point lead over Mr Heseltine.

Peter Riddell, page 18

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Intimate letters to soldier spell out the life and lusts of Catherine the Great

Words of love seal steamy reputation of Russian empress

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

TEN intimate letters written by Catherine the Great to one of her many lovers have appeared on the market more than a century after historians assumed they had been lost.

The letters confirm Catherine's reputation for having a voracious sexual appetite. In one billet-doux, she mentions "a little scrap of snipped-off underwear" which, it is assumed, she enclosed as a souvenir of an assignation. Catherine II, (1729-96), arguably the greatest woman ruler in history, is famous for having had dozens of lovers.

Sophie Dupré, a dealer in manuscripts and letters, who acquired the collection from a private source on the Continent, said nothing like these letters had been offered on the market this century.

Professor John T. Alexander, whose book on the Russian Empress was published by Oxford University Press in 1989, described the find as "very exciting". The letters, he added, confirmed Catherine's reputation.

They have surfaced just as film-makers have finished an £11 million television film on



Catherine the Great

Catherine the Great with Catherine Zeta Jones in the title role. An impressive line-up includes Jeanne Moreau (who played the Empress in the 1968 film, *The Great Catherine*), Omar Sharif, Ian Richardson and Brian Blessed. Mark and Paul McGann will play two of her most romantic attachments, the fiery Orlov and Potemkin. The film comes at a time of intense Russian interest in Catherine. The Soviet regime largely ignored or scorned Catherine, said Professor Alexander, "apparently because of her foreign background" — she was born a minor German princess — and her reputation. Such is her new popularity that the Chekhov Theatre, Moscow, staged a play last year based on her life, with the opera singer Galina Vishnevskaya in the title role.

Catherine was betrothed at the age of 15 to the Grand Duke Peter of Russia. Soon after their marriage, she became discontented with her husband, who has been described by historians as subnormal in physique and in mind. The couple were soon quarrelling and Catherine started to have affairs. Some 18 years later, with the aid of one of her lovers who persuaded the guards to undertake a coup d'etat, she overthrew her husband and installed herself on the throne.

She proved an enlightened ruler who made sweeping reforms, striving to make Russian society as cultivated as French and German. She promoted a love of French culture, and introduced measures to improve education and health care for the poor. She died of apoplexy in 1796.

The letters were written between June 1778 and October 1779 to Ivan Nikolaevich Rimsky-Korsakov, a captain of the palace guards. The Empress, who made no secret of her affections for him, called him: "Pyrrhus, King of Epirus, whom every sculptor should sculpt, every painter should paint, and every poet should sing". In some letters she talked of how the day dragged when she could not see him. In others, she complained of loneliness.

Rimsky-Korsakov kept the letters in an envelope marked "My Precious Souvenir". At the time of their affair he was 34 and famously handsome — "God's best creation", she called him. Catherine, who reined as absolute monarch for 34 years, was in her 50s and, unlike Ms Zeta-Jones, was extremely plain. "Her charm was not down to her looks or youth," said Professor Alexander, "but position and power. Power was a strong aphrodisiac." She also showered her lovers with gifts and paid them off handsomely when the affair ended, although that may have been to keep them quiet.

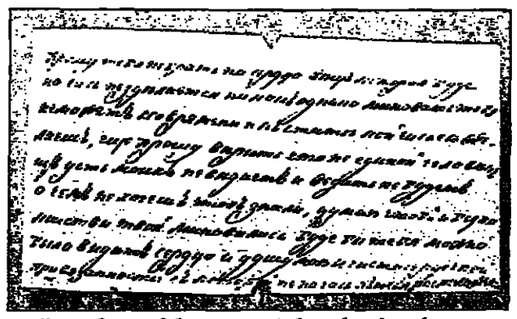
Historians are unsure exactly how many lovers Catherine had. Professor Alexander said: "They talk about dozens, scores." Such was her lust for men as well as power that, while other monarchs had food-tasters for their protection, she is said to have had sex-tasters, making her ladies-in-waiting try out potential lovers first. It was when one of those tasters went beyond the call of duty, and was caught by Catherine with the man to whom these letters were written, that the affair ended.

The letters are to be offered for £38,000 at the 36th Antiquarian Book Fair, which takes place at Grosvenor House, London, from June 29 to July 1.

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Catherine Zeta Jones in the £11m mini-series based on the life of the empress



Part of one of the empress's long-lost love letters

'A little scrap of underwear...'

From Dalya Alberge

CATHERINE the Great's love affair with Ivan Nikolaevich Rimsky-Korsakov, a captain of the palace guards, lasted from June 1778 to October 1779. She wrote to him:

"I still beg you to believe that not a single person knows from my lips — nor will they ever know — what you do not wish them to know.

"I am writing this solely to inform myself about your health. We too had to drag through the entire day yesterday, and in the evening, after nine, I drove with two others along the St Petersburg road on the off-chance of meeting someone. Not a single minute do you depart from my thoughts. When shall We see you?

"All night long my head ached, now I sleep all the time. It seems better if I do not get up from bed so that I continue to sweat. Farewell. God be with you. The weather is not the best, so don't catch cold.

"I do not wish to describe to you the utter tedium here, so that I should not cause you any tedium. I search everywhere, but nowhere can I find the one who does not depart from my thoughts for a single minute.

"I have an enormous impatience to see God's best creation. I have already pined for you for more than a day. I drove out today in the hope of coming across you. If you do not return soon, I shall run off from here and dash around the whole city to search for you.

"My head aches, not from you, my sweetest, but from the bad weather. I am going to get dressed now. God be with you. Be healthy and merry, and we shall feel better the sooner.

"My best piece of amusement today, and the dearest one to me, is a little scrap of snipped off underwear ..."

Judge must say sorry for slur on solicitors

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

A CIRCUIT judge is to make a formal apology in open court this week after saying that a defendant did not "need to stoop so low" as to employ the services of a solicitor-advocate rather than a barrister.

The remark by Judge Bentley, QC, at Sheffield Crown Court has infuriated solicitors and barristers, who say that it shows the hostility among some judges to solicitors who now have the right to take cases in Crown Court.

Judith Naylor, 40, the solicitor in court when the judge made his remark, was not only an experienced criminal practitioner of some ten years, but a deputy coroner and chairman of the Criminal Law Solicitors' Association.

The incident occured earlier this month when an unrepresented defendant appeared before the court, having sacked his counsel. The judge sought to appoint the other counsel in the case who declined on grounds of conflict of interest, as he was representing the co-accused.

It was then pointed out to the judge that there was a solicitor-advocate in court, to which he replied: "We don't need to stoop that low, do we?" Instead of appointing Ms Naylor, one of the first solicitors to be granted the right to take cases in the higher courts in the wake of the Bar's monopoly being abolished, Judge Bentley appointed a young barrister to take the case. "I don't know whether he meant me in particular or solicitor-advocates in general," Ms Naylor said.

"I was acutely embarrassed, not just for me but for solicitor-advocates generally. So I decided I couldn't let it go. It wasn't as if I was even before the judge, in a case, it was just a gratuitous, offensive comment."

She raised the matter with the presiding judge on the circuit and was offered either a written apology or one in open court. "I thought about it very carefully and decided that if I had done wrong, that was what I would want to do to put matters right," she said.

It was important, she said, because she had always encouraged solicitors to apply for rights of audience in the higher courts and if she let it go, people would question whether it was "all worth it".

☐ Measures to stop restrictive foreign privacy laws being used to stifle the British press will be put forward in the Lords today. Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, is seeking an amendment to a controversial Government bill which will allow people to sue in English courts, even where no tort, or civil wrong, has been committed under English law.

The Government has already exempted defamation from its proposals so that foreign libel laws cannot be used in our courts. But privacy has not so far been exempt.

The 'ordinary' exile with seven Oscar nominations

By Giles Whittell
in Los Angeles
and Dalya Alberge

A BRITISH actress who turned her back on repertory theatre to become a Hollywood film producer will discover tonight whether her film, which has received seven nominations, has won an Oscar. Niki Marvin is sole producer of *The Shawshank Redemption*, the critically acclaimed account of two prisoners coming to terms with decades behind bars.

The film, which stars Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman, is nominated for best picture, adapted screenplay, actor, cinematography, editing, music and sound.

When she read the original story by Stephen King, Ms Marvin was so impressed that she acquired the film rights. "We had every actor in Hollywood wanting to be in it," she said yesterday.

She has been in Hollywood since the 1970s and is anticipating the awards ceremony with some anxiety. She has chosen to wear a 1940s ballgown from an antique-clothes boutique.

"I'm a pretty ordinary person," said Ms Marvin, 43, who once worked in rep at Exeter. "Dressing up is a big deal for me."



Niki Marvin

When the 67th Academy Awards gets under way tonight, only an upset of epic proportions will prevent *Forrest Gump*, the strange story of a simpleton who becomes a shrimp-fishing millionaire, from winning a brace of Oscars.

Despite a fierce debate about its significance, the film and its star, Tom Hanks, are overwhelming favourites for the coveted best picture and best actor statuettes, while strong support for *Pulp Fiction* makes an all-American sweep likely in the major categories.

British hopes of acting awards are distant at best: Nigel Hawthorne's acclaimed performance as the deranged monarch in *The Madness Of King George* was the choice of a mere 2 per cent of American filmgoers in a weekend CNN/Gallup poll likely to be reflected by the academy's traditionally conservative voters.

The same poll gave *Miranda Richardson*, who plays the wife of the poet T.S. Eliot in *Tom and Viv*, an outside 1 per cent chance of winning best actress. Hanks, voted best actor last year for his role in *Philadelphia*, was tipped by 53 per cent of Americans for a repeat.

Jodie Foster will arrive at The Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles as favourite for best actress for her performance in *Nell*. Jessica Lange is considered a contender for her part as a manic depressive army wife in *Blue Sky*.

The evening's tensest moments are expected in the directing category, a head-to-head contest between Robert Zemeckis and Quentin Tarantino, directors of *Forrest Gump* and *Pulp Fiction* respectively.



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Technology blamed as minister shelves motorway toll plan

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE prospect of motorway tolls for British drivers faded yesterday when the Government gave its strongest signal yet that the controversial proposals would be scrapped.

In the first public acknowledgement by Dr Brian Mawhinney that his department was backing away from the plans, the Transport Secretary said that motorway tolls would be introduced only "some way in the future, if at all". Tolls for motorways and major trunk roads were touted in 1993 by John MacGregor, Dr Mawhinney's predecessor and a keen supporter of the practice. He committed the Transport Department to introducing plans by 1998 aimed at easing congestion and raising £700 million a year for new roads.

The Government has always opposed continental-style "toll plazas" — where motorists are forced to stop — because of the disruption to traffic. It favoured instead using microwave technology to dock payment points from rechargeable smart cards at motorway checkpoints. However, the Government insists that the technology is as yet unworkable and that the problem of drivers using side roads to avoid the checks is unresolved.

"The position was set out by my predecessor that there would be value in putting in motorway tolls and using the money to benefit and enhance the motorway system," Dr Mawhinney said on ITV's *Jonathan Dimbleby* programme. "But it was subject even then to a number of caveats: that there should not be any diversion to other roads; that the technology should be there and reliable and we haven't met that point yet, and then we need new legislation. We are not in a position to make judgments because we don't have the technology."

Transport officials said yesterday that tests in Germany showed that the new technology had "more difficulties than the manufacturers would have us believe". They added that trials in Britain of the technology, which were intended to begin early this year, had been postponed indefinitely.

The news that tolling is likely be scrapped comes days before the Government is due to announce plans to raise extra cash for transport policies by extending car tax to include off-road vehicles. Cars will be taxed by possession instead of use in an attempt to cut the £160 million lost to the Treasury each year through car tax evasion.

However, Dr Mawhinney is expected to include special exemptions for owners of classic and vintage cars so that car museums avoid huge tax bills. "It's not intended to discriminate against honest motorists," a Transport Department spokesman said.



Sophie Rhys Jones at the appeal launch yesterday

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Peter Brown with his 22-month-old triplets Jack, George and Rosie

Early arrivals seek better start

WHEN Hollie Neal was born two months prematurely in 1988, she weighed less than two bags of sugar, had underdeveloped lungs and heart and was given only a 50 per cent chance of survival.

Yesterday she was one of 40 premature children who helped to launch National Mother and Baby Week at The Dorchester in London. Her mother Karen Neal, from Coventry, had developed toxaemia during pregnancy and required an emergency Caesarean operation. Hollie, who is six, survived only after being rushed from a hospital in Leamington Spa to a unit at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry.

The launch, which was organised with the help of Sophie Rhys Jones, a friend of Prince Edward, marks an appeal for £1 million by the charity Baby Lifeline, whose founder Judy Ledger lost three babies in premature births in under two years. The charity supplies urgently needed equipment for Britain's 265 maternity hospitals.

Also at the launch were George, Jack and Rosie Brown, 22-month-old triplets of Greenwich, southeast London. When they were born nine weeks prematurely the hospital did not have enough ventilators and they had to be rushed to a second one.

Spanish accused of lying about trawler capacity

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to press Brussels to investigate claims that Spanish trawlermen are understating the power of the engines on their vessels to disguise fish-catching capacity.

Engine sizes reported to the Spanish authorities by their fishermen are alleged in many cases to be less than those recorded by the builders of the boats in Lloyd's Register of Shipping, which contains data on every vessel in the world.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said: "If the Spanish are misdeclaring their engine size, it would be of great concern. Anyone who has evidence that this is happening is urged to pass it to us so that we can take the matter up with the European Commission."

Accurate recording of engine sizes is crucial for the fair enforcement of a European Union de-commissioning programme that requires all member states to reduce fleet capacity to allow depleted fish stocks to recover.

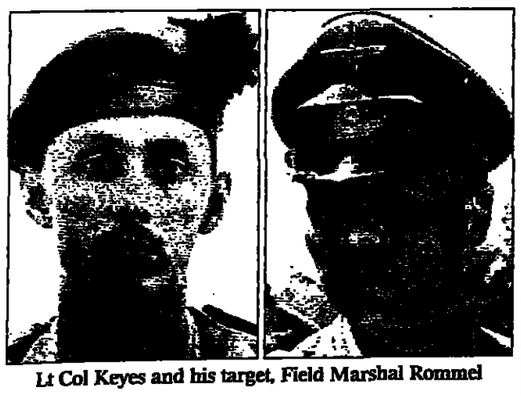
Over the period 1993-96, member states are being asked to cut fleet tonnage by an average of 8 per cent and engine power by an average of 11 per cent, the severity of the cutback varying according to the degree of each state's compliance with previous de-commissioning schemes. Britain is required to make a cut of 19 per cent, one of the highest.

Dozens of vessels have apparently been registered in Spain with incorrect engine sizes, according to newspaper reports. Two of the most glaring examples cited are the trawlers *Andra Maixa* and *Arretxinagako Mikel Deuna*, said by their owners to have 597 and 590-horsepower engines. Lloyd's records them as having 1,000 hp units.

One Spanish freezer trawler, the *Baffin Bay*, registered under a British flag last month, was said to be recorded in the British Registry of Shipping and Seamen, a government agency, as having a 1,997 hp engine. Lloyd's credits the vessel with 3,300 hp.

Mike Townsend, chief executive of the Cornish Fish Producers' Organisation, said: "Knowing what we do of Spanish methods, it would not surprise me at all. By combining fewer boats and lower tonnage with greater engine horsepower, you can seem to be reducing fleet size while actually catching even more fish than before."

More powerful engines enable a smaller boat to trawl with larger nets, to tow the nets faster and to reduce the time spent sailing to and from fishing grounds. With powerful engines, vessels can more easily drag the small-mesh nets that catch more fish.



Lt Col Keyes and his target, Field Marshal Rommel

Museum bids to bring VC home

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE Imperial War Museum will bid for one of the most famous Victoria Crosses of the Second World War when it is auctioned by Spink & Son in London tomorrow.

The medal was awarded to Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Keyes, who died leading an attempt to capture Erwin Rommel on the eve of the battle of El Alamein in November 1941. Sold to an American collector eight years ago, it has attracted intense interest and could fetch up to £100,000.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund has promised £17,000 but Mrs Peter William-Powlett, Lt Col Keyes's sister, said yesterday that it would be a struggle to raise so large a sum.

Geoffrey Keyes was 24 when he won approval for a plan to attack and destroy the German headquarters in the village of Sidi Rafa, 250 miles behind enemy lines in Libya. Tragically for the raiding party of 11th Scottish Commando, British Intelligence reports on Rommel's movements did not reached them in time, and on the night of November 17 Rommel was in Athens.

Keyes led his men in a frontal assault on Rommel's villa but was mortally wounded as he attempted to storm a room on the ground floor and died within minutes.

Rommel ordered that Keyes's body be laid before the altar of a church beside the bodies of the four German officers he had killed, and that he should be accorded a full military funeral.

☐ A Dutch museum has paid £8,970 for the animals' VC won by a Welsh sheepdog called Ricky for bravery in wartime Holland.

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'The wrench will be painful, my family and their memories are in this terraced house'

Pit village prepares to move to a new life across the road

By Kate Alderson

FOUR HUNDRED residents of the pit village of Arkwright will pack their bags in a few weeks' time, cross the road and settle into the new village of Arkwright — the last purpose-built colliery settlement in the country.

Not surprisingly, most of the villagers relish the move. They will be leaving Victorian terraced houses worth £18,000 for fully-fitted, £50,000 semis or bungalows 500 yards away. Their old surroundings are being moved with them: from the primary school to the miners' welfare club, the fish and chip shop to the bus stop, the whole village is being replicated in detail at a cost of £15 million.

The residents of Arkwright, five miles from Chesterfield in Derbyshire, have also been able to choose — and reject — their neighbours. The first families will move in May and everyone will be in by Christmas. They talk of little else but the "flitting date", although almost 100 years after William Arkwright built the village to house the miners and their families who worked at the colliery he part-owned, their descendants cannot mask the sadness at leaving the homes of their fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers.



The two Arkwrights

The uprooting of the old village, five streets of dark, crumbling houses to 174 pristine new Wimpey homes arranged in neat crescents and cul-de-sacs, appears to have been prompted by the threat of methane gas.

When the gas was first discovered beneath the houses shortly after the pit closed five years ago, British Coal, while refusing to accept responsibility for the leak, eventually came up with the scheme to relocate the complete village. Today the whole area is owned by RJ. Budge Mining Ltd, which is working an open-cast mine behind the village. Few locals work at the mine, which requires skills they do not possess.

Sam and Kath Swain were not keen to move when the scheme was proposed five years ago and did not believe it would ever happen. Mr Swain, 61, a retired miner, had been born in the house his parents gave to him and was unsure that the tight-knit community could be transplanted to modern homes.

He was convinced there was "nowt wrong" with his current house, but is now excited about the move. His wife Kath, 63, who is disabled by arthritis, is keen to move to their three-bedroom bungalow.

"I'm looking forward to the move. Everyone is," Mr Swain said. "The wrench will be painful, my family and their memories are in this house, but we will have better facilities than we ever had. It will be strange not living in a terrace."

For Jeetinder Greenall, a single mother of two who has lived in the village for 14 years, the move is a chance to enhance her quality of life dramatically. "I would never be able to afford such a house," she said. "I will have a shower for the first time, a fitted kitchen and a proper garden. I can't wait for the move. It's all we talk about."

ROBIN MAYES



Jeetinder Greenall, a single mother, with Patrick and Bernadette: "I will have a shower for the first time"

Anglican Orthodox group gives up struggle

By Ruth Gledhill

A SOCIETY set up to promote Orthodoxy among Anglicans is to close because most of its activists have left or are planning to leave the Church of England.

The Anglo-Orthodox Society was set up in 1982 to emphasise beliefs and traditions that developed in the first 1,000 years of the Church independently of Roman Catholicism, and which led to the formation of the ancient Orthodox churches of the East. The society is to be wound up "because of the doubts of many whether Orthodoxy can still be sought within the Church of England", the last edition of *Anglo-Orthodoxy* says.

The demise of the society, which began with about only 100 members, is an indication of the confusion in the ranks of traditionalist Anglicans in the wake of the ordinations last year of more than 1,000 women priests.

The society was set up because its founder members believed it was more effective to work from within the Church of England. But the active members became convinced that their future lay within an existing Orthodox church, such as the British Orthodox, the Alexandrian Coptic or the Antiochian church.

The society's president, the Right Rev Paul Burrough, former assistant bishop in the Peterborough diocese, says in the journal that Orthodox faith in the Church of England has been challenged, not only by women priests, but by the Porvoo declaration, under which new links are being forged with the Nordic and Balkan Lutheran churches.

He says: "It is not difficult to see why some Anglicans, chiefly clergy, have departed to the Roman Catholic or Eastern Orthodox churches, or to some form of 'continuing Anglican' church."

The Very Rev Alistair Haig, Dean of Bocking, Essex, says: "Sadly, many, though not all, of our activists have felt that they could no longer fight the battle for Orthodoxy within the ranks of the Church of England, and have either left already or plan to do so."

A Church of England spokesman said: "I won't miss them. The Church might. Obviously it will be a shame if it is the end of some positive link with Eastern Orthodoxy." The British Orthodox Church, which uses the Liturgy of St James, is growing steadily. The other two options for those traditionalists not converting to Roman Catholicism are the Traditional Church of England and the Anglican Catholic Church.



The endangered mink

European mink faces extinction

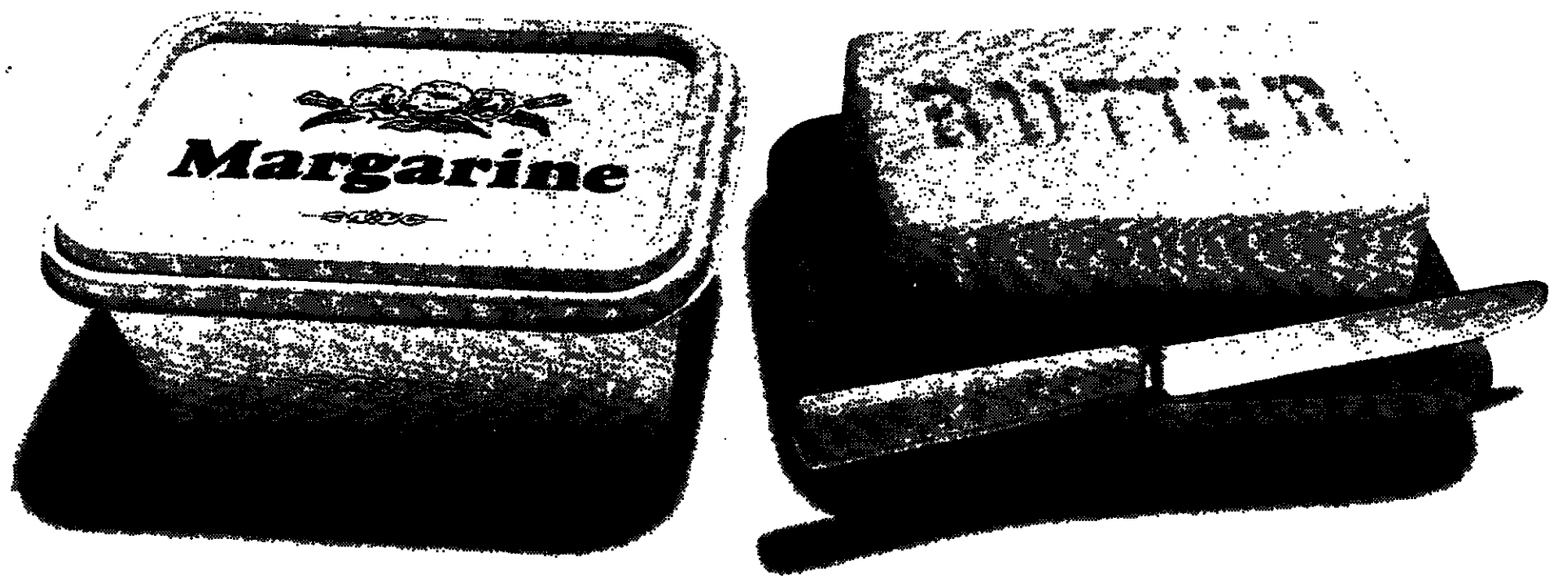
By Nick Nuttall

AN ATTEMPT to save the European mink from extinction is being launched by British scientists. They hope to discover why the creatures, which differ from the American mink, have declined so rapidly in parts of the former Soviet Union.

Most now exist only in Belarussia, Russia and Estonia. Findings from the project, which is backed by the Department of the Environment's Darwin Initiative, will aid a captive breeding programme at Tallinn Zoo in Estonia.

Dr Hans Kruuk, from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology at Banchory, near Aberdeen, said that the decline could be caused by pollution and competition for food and habitat with the American mink, which now breeds in the wild.

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GPs told to check vaccines after mass diphtheria overdose

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR health officials warned family doctors yesterday that giving the wrong dose of diphtheria vaccine to schoolchildren could kill.

The warning comes after 250 children at two schools in the West Country suffered severe reactions after receiving an overdose of the vaccine last week. The vaccine was given as part of a routine immunisation programme for 14 and 15-year-old pupils at Devizes School and George Ward School in Melksham, Wiltshire. Many fell ill with fever, swollen arms and hallucinations.

Bath and West Community NHS Trust admitted that the children should have received booster injections of the vaccine but were instead given a five times stronger dose, intended for babies. The trust has launched an inquiry into how the mistake occurred.

All babies in Britain are offered immunisation against diphtheria but health authorities are giving booster doses to increasing numbers of schoolchildren because of fears about the rise of the disease in Eastern Europe.

The diphtheria toxoid given to babies creates such a strong immune response that giving the same high dose of toxoid years later risks provoking a severe reaction. Immunisation experts are concerned that GPs are unaware of the importance of giving the correct dose.

Dr Martin Schweiger, consultant in community medicine in Leeds, said: "There is a definite risk of anaphylactic shock, causing collapse, which can be fatal. It is quite clear there have been tragedies in the past." He said there was confusion among family doctors about whether they could use the infant version of the vaccine on schoolchildren.

"Practice nurses have asked us if it is all right to use and said GPs had told them it was not a problem. It appears there are some GPs who have only got half the message about diphtheria. By having two strengths of vaccine it is easy to pick up the wrong one. We are asking them to read the label and make sure they have got the right one."

Dr Nigel Higson, a Sussex GP and expert in immunisation, said the diphtheria vaccination programme had lacked proper publicity. "There is a very high chance of confusion. Colleagues in my own practice weren't aware which jab to use. The health department should have made it clear that the infant version should not be used."

A spokesman for the health department said a letter would be sent to GPs shortly warning them that the two doses were not interchangeable. It will advise GPs, where booster doses are unavailable, to use one fifth of the infant dose. The spokesman denied there was a shortage of booster doses for adolescents.

JULIAN HERBERT



Motorcycle police shadow the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt, at Upperton, West Sussex. The trial bikes have been diverted from patrols on the South Downs to prevent clashes between hunt saboteurs and supporters

A-level economics falls from favour

BY BEN PRESTON

SIXTH-formers are deserting economics, one of the most popular courses of the 1980s, because they find it dull, difficult and too theoretical.

A-level entries in the subject are expected to fall this summer to their lowest since the 1970s. Many young people are switching to business studies, which they regard as more relevant.

Economics captured the imagination during the 1980s but has been in a downward spiral since the turn of the decade. About 32,000 sat the A-level examination last summer, almost a third less than in 1989. In contrast, the number of sixth-formers taking business studies at A-level has risen from about 10,000 in 1989 to 27,000 last year. Its popularity is expected to overtake economics this summer.

Richard Young, of the Economics and Business Education Association, said the change reflected public loss of faith at the failure of professional economists and politicians to explain the recession.

Britons take their bucket and spade to warmer climes

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE traditional British family holiday is continuing its decline. Just over half the 58 million holidays taken last year were spent in Britain, compared with nearly 70 per cent ten years ago, 83 per cent in 1975, 86 per cent in 1965, and 93 per cent in 1955.

The British Tourist Authority (BTA) is pushing for a range of government actions to reverse the trend. Adele Biss, chairman of the BTA and the English Tourist Board (ETB), said: "The ETB will continue to press for a restoration of its funds, which have been cut by more than a third over the last three years. We are also embarking on a programme to strengthen accommodation inspection and evaluating whether more can be done to make booking UK holidays simpler."

The BTA and hoteliers were also seeking a review of VAT rates for hotels, which were putting them at a disadvantage compared with overseas rivals, and for more flexibility to step up the promotion of short breaks and off-season holidays across Britain.

Miss Biss said Britain was one of the most popular tourism destinations for people from abroad, but "we need to ensure that it continues to be so for our own citizens as well".

The BTA survey, which focuses on breaks at home and abroad of four nights or more, showed that of the 58 million holidays taken by the British last year, 31.5 million were taken in Britain and 26.25 million overseas. If the trend continues, more people will take a holiday abroad than at home by the end of the decade.

Overall expenditure on long holidays went up last year by 10 per cent to £19,760 million. But of that only 1 per cent more was spent in Britain, while the amount spent on foreign holidays went up by 13 per cent. The average sum spent on a British holiday was £146 while £564 was spent on a foreign holiday.

Half of all holidays taken in Britain last year were spent at the seaside, and the West Country remained the most popular destination, attracting 23 per cent of all holidaymakers. More people now prefer to fend for themselves, with 51 per cent of holidaymakers choosing self-catering accommodation.

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Balladur draws strength from latest poll position

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

■ With support for Jacques Chirac, his main Gaullist rival, beginning to wane, the Prime Minister is renewing his efforts as the presidential race enters the final straight

AS FRANCE'S presidential race enters the final straight, a twitch in the opinion polls has offered a glimmer of hope to the beleaguered Edouard Balladur and alerted the campaign team of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist favourite, to the dangers of arrogance.

For the first time since M Chirac staged his astonishing comeback last month, opinion polls have shown his lead diminish slightly, while the falling support for the Gaullist Prime Minister, has halted about five percentage points behind the front-runner. Four weeks before the first-round vote, Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, has fallen behind the Gaullist pair.

Word that his position had steadied gave a little extra fire to M Balladur, 65, at the weekend as he tried to don a more pugnacious and proletarian guise, making a rock star's appearance at a noisy rally of 15,000 supporters at Le Bourget, in the Paris suburbs. There, he cast himself as an outsider new to politics, a man who faced his first election in 1986. He denounced M Chirac as a political dinosaur and a demagogue who was promising the moon in order to fulfil his lifetime ambition of the presidency. "There is too much talk of the past and men of the past in this campaign," he said with a nod to M Chirac's long career as a two-times presidential loser.



Jospin: destined for early exit from race

One of the oddest sights of the campaign was that of the fastidious M Balladur, a career civil service mandarin, being hoisted onto a table with Marie-Josée, his wife, to acknowledge the cheers of a crowd yelling "*Allez Doudou, allez-y*", a common nickname that caused almost as much mirth as his foray into hitch-hiking at the weekend. When his helicopter was forced by fog to land in a field near Arles, M Balladur asked a passing motorist for a lift. It did not help his image that the car was a Mercedes driven by a visibly opulent woman.

The polling blip has prompted M Chirac, 62, to counsel extreme caution among his lieutenants. The surge of "Chiracomania" that has swept the political classes this month has prompted premature euphoria, notably by Alain Juppé, 49, the Foreign Minister and interim Gaullist leader. Universally assumed to be M Chirac's choice as Prime Minister, M Juppé has been musing publicly on the new regime. The Chirac camp, he said at the weekend, would be magnanimous in victory towards those who threw in their lot with M Balladur. "We must not bear grudges. But it will be necessary to remember a little to know who you can trust."

The point is not lost on the chastened Gaullists of the Balladur camp, who acknowledge that the campaign crash of their man was in large part triggered by the impression that he considered the election a mere formality on his pre-ordained path to the presidency. Clutching for every life-jacket, as M Juppé depicted them, the Prime Minister's team is taking encouragement from an Ipsos poll at the weekend which showed that only 29 per cent of the public positively wants M Chirac to be elected. Although the arithmetic of the run-off vote, due on May 7, means M Chirac is still likely to triumph, the poll was a reminder that there is still room for failure.

With M Jospin's candidature apparently destined for elimination in the first round along with the squad of second-tier candidates, the Gaullist strategists are preparing their end-game. After an appalling start to his campaign, M Balladur's only chance is said to be to convince the French that he has a vision for change and that he loves them, as one expert put it.

After succeeding at both of these essentials, M Chirac, a man with an old reputation for impetuosity, must avoid triumphalism and committing the gaffes that have so often sabotaged his ambitions in the past.

Reflecting on his emergence from two years in the political wilderness, tending the grass roots of France, M Chirac told *Le Figaro*: "Many people feel that I listened to them, that I understood their problems and that I can offer solutions." The line echoed General de Gaulle's famous declaration: "*Français, je vous ai compris.*"



Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister and presidential candidate, is greeted by supporters, some dressed in traditional costume and playing instruments, during a weekend visit to Maillane, in the Camargue

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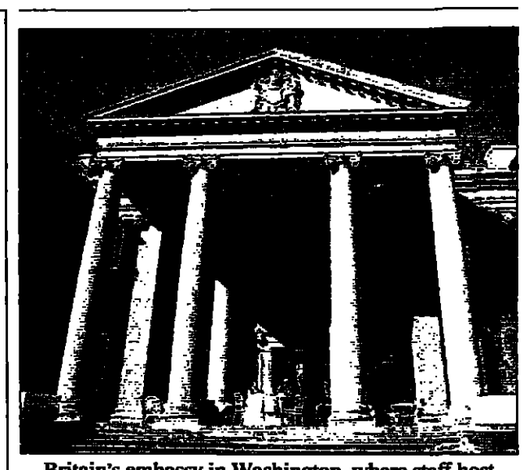
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Aitken 'good life' taunt provokes fury in embassies

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE weekend claim by Jonathan Aitken, the Treasury Minister, that too much money is spent by the Foreign Office on wining and dining, looks like a renewed push by the Treasury to find budget cuts in areas that will not cause political controversy at home.

Mr Aitken's contention is, however, likely to provoke a furious riposte from the Foreign Office, one of the smallest government departments, which believes that continual sniping is undermining the whole basis of diplomacy at a time when the Government is trying to promote British strengths abroad with an unprecedented conference this week on Britain's place in the world.

Weary diplomats, tired of taunts about their "champagne and caviar lifestyle", pointed out yesterday that it costs £600 million a year to run the diplomatic service, and that entertainment accounts for less than 1 per cent of the Foreign Office budget — a figure dwarfed by the routine expenditures of the Ministry of Defence or the Department of Social Security.



Aitken: confusing costs with assets

Sir Christopher Mallaby, the British Ambassador in Paris, Britain's most expensive embassy abroad, has said he has never served caviar in all his time as ambassador. Entertainment budgets in Paris and other capitals are now so rigorously monitored that ambassadors have to justify every invitation in terms of the benefit to Britain's image and trade.

Diplomats say that Mr Aitken, as well as John Major, has confused the Foreign Office running costs with its capital assets. The Prime Minister's remark that the British High Commissioner to South Africa lives in "unbelievable luxury" was provoked by his amazement at the splendour of the British residence in Pretoria. This opulence is, however, the result of Britain's luck in acquiring the best sites in most capitals a century ago.

For years Treasury officials, looking at the short-term, have been pressing the Foreign Office to sell these buildings. Most were, however, bought outright years ago. To find alternative central accommodation to match the standard of even the smallest of Britain's European Union partners would cost a fortune; and to pay rent on a hired building would far outweigh the annual running costs of most chanceries and residences. In the 1970s, the Foreign Office succumbed to pressure, and sold houses picked up for a song in towns such as Bonn. It is now paying dearly to rent accommodation.

Highlighting the capital assets is also misleading: of Britain's 4,000 properties abroad, only 25 are classified as major historic residences. Nor does the number of employees indicate much except the local status and costs of labour. It is far cheaper — and more socially acceptable — in some countries such as India to employ servants than install expensive labour-saving equipment.

Mr Aitken's reported remark that more than a billion pounds goes on embassies and diplomats is wrong: half the Foreign Office budget goes on diplomacy. The rest is spent on grants to the British Council, the BBC World Service, contributions to the United Nations and other international bodies and the huge costs of peacekeeping.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, has had to contend with unfair remarks about the Foreign Office for years, both as a diplomat and as a minister. He believes that the danger today is that few people in Britain and even in government understand how British influence overseas directly benefits British jobs and voters at home. The conference to be held on Wednesday on Britain's place in the world, largely his brainchild, is an attempt to warn that neo-isolationism will eventually cost much more than the money saved by this or that cut to the Foreign Office budget.

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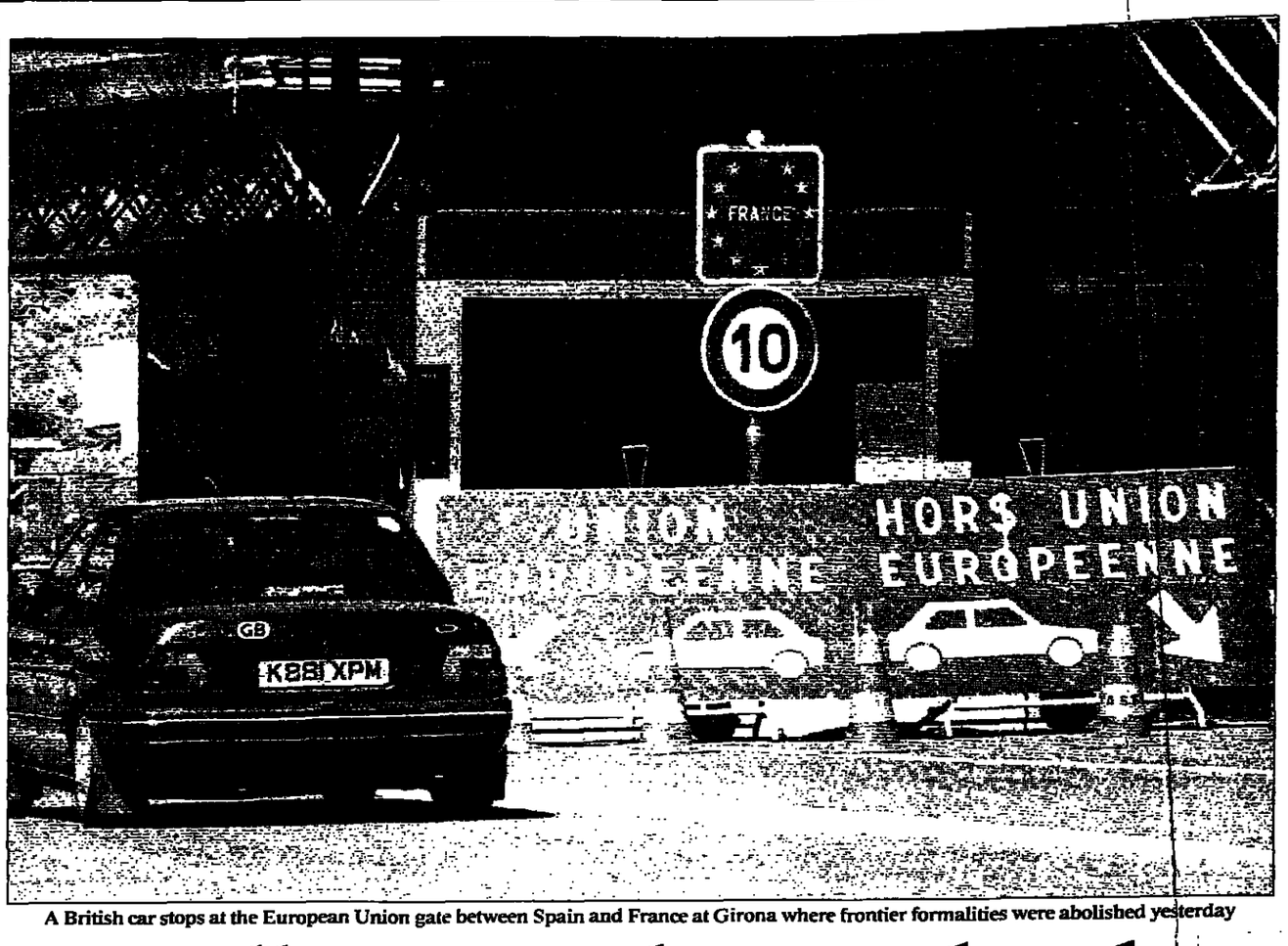
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A British car stops at the European Union gate between Spain and France at Girona where frontier formalities were abolished yesterday

Travellers sample open borders

The Schengen accord, ending internal frontier controls between seven European Union states and likely to be joined by all except Britain and Ireland, has caught some airports unprepared

THE European Union lurched closer to a frontier-free travel-zone yesterday with the abolition of passport checks, immigration controls, and all other frontier formalities in seven of its 15 states.

Five years after the original 1990 target, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg took the first decisive step towards eliminating border bureaucracy.

Italy, Greece and Austria are expected to join the internal border free-zone later this year, while Denmark, Finland and Sweden are likely to follow. Only Britain has refused to sign up. Ireland would like to, but has effectively been blocked by London.

All flights between the seven signatories of the Schengen accord will in future depart and arrive from domestic terminals, theoretically doing away with the need for passengers to undergo passport checks. Passengers will, however, still have to show their boarding passes and passports may be required because airports have not made the necessary changes.

The abolition of internal frontiers has been accompanied by the erection of a new external frontier, designed to keep out illegal immigrants, drug smugglers, and terrorists. A new computer database, the Schengen Information System in Strasbourg, will enable police to check everyone crossing Schengenland's external border. The transition to a border-free Europe has been fraught with difficulty. Despite claims that the multi-million pound transition change to a borderless Europe went without a hitch, *Times* reporters at airports around Europe found that many were unprepared.

FRANKFURT

YESTERDAY was the day the sheep were separated from the goats in Frankfurt, the Schengenlanders from the non-Schengenlanders (Roger Boyes writes). Some of the former seemed unaware that they no longer needed passports for, say, Spanish holiday destinations, and were delighted when they found out.

Some of the latter, not least British travellers, were confused by the proliferation of signs and arrows, and irritated that their passports were still being inspected.

By and large, however, Schengen Day One passed smoothly enough at Frankfurt airport, which is more than can be said for the other Frankfurt on the River Oder, the main eastern entry point to Schengenland. There, after a brisk and efficient start, the queue of cars and lorries was beginning to mount up. Poles previously waved through were being checked thoroughly. Each referral to the Schengen information system computer in Strasbourg took at least five minutes, and the result was a long tailback.

Frankfurt airport is one of the better-prepared of Europe's air terminals. Schengenland begins between gates E3 and E9 in Terminal One.

Sheep bumped into goats, goats into sheep as the passengers — many of whom had never heard of the Schengen accord — tried to work out their new identities. Most bewildered were those European Union members — the Danes, the Greeks, the British, and a seemingly endless stream of Italians — who could not fathom why they were not in fast-lane Europe.

AMSTERDAM

SCHENGEN'S pioneer air travellers were initially thwarted at Schiphol airport yesterday morning when electronic gates failed to open for passengers newly entitled to bypass passport control (Mark Fuller writes).

The airport had not been able to rebuild its main terminal in time to accommodate Schengen. Under a provisional system, passengers travelling between Schengen countries were issued with a small green card incorporating a magnetic strip that enabled them to pass through electronic turnstiles and avoid passport checks.

"We have had far fewer problems than we expected," Frank Rietveld, a Schipol spokesman, said. "Most people seem to know what Schengen is about, and after the initial technological hiccup the system has been flowing smoothly." The £52 million terminal conversion, which will segregate Schengen passengers from the rest, will be ready by December.

The three different checkpoints, one each for non-European Union passengers, non-Schengen EU passengers, and Schengen passengers, led however to a great deal of confusion among passengers of all classes. Many seemed not to understand the purpose of the green card or that the treaty had come into force.

Roger Gale, 45, a British computer scientist travelling from Amsterdam to Frankfurt, said he had "no clue" what the card was for. "I know about Schengen, but I didn't think it would affect me today. I'll keep the card as a souvenir," he said.

Other travellers were outraged that they could not have a card. Joop Kriek, 61, a Dutch company director, said he was prevented from receiving a card under the terms of his charter ticket. "It's a complete sham," he said. "The system is stupid. Schengen is just a small cautious step towards open borders. If this is anything to go on, it is going to take years before the goal is actually achieved."

PARIS

PASSENGERS at Orly and Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airports had a trouble-free day (Susan Bell writes).

To make administration of the new rules easier, the airports have undergone extensive reorganisation at a cost of more than £6.3 million. Both are coping with the new regulations by segregating passengers. At Charles de Gaulle, for example, Satellite 6 and Terminal 2D are reserved for Schengen passengers. Those arriving at these terminals will not be subject to passport controls.

One of the first beneficiaries of Schengen was Walter Jaegr, who arrived from Frankfurt at Charles de Gaulle Terminal 1, Satellite 6 yesterday to attend a trade show in Paris. "We only had to show our boarding passes at the gate." Herr Jaegr's only complaint was that he had been denied access to duty-free shopping at Frankfurt and had been unable to buy cigarettes. "It's easier for a smoker to travel to London," he joked.

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Albanians try to storm embassy

FROM TIM JUDAH IN TIRANA

ABOUT 1,000 young Albanians who tried to storm the American Embassy in Tirana at the weekend were dispersed after police opened fire. The crowd besieged the compound after newspaper rumours that work visas or papers for asylum-seekers were about to be issued.

According to diplomatic sources, the police started firing after some 200 people tried to climb the fence surrounding the embassy. Two people were reportedly injured but it is not clear whether they were shot or injured by 2ft long metal spikes which surround the mission.

☐ **Bonn:** Thousands of Albanians from the Serbian province of Kosovo demanded recognition of the region as an independent state in protests here. *(Reuter)*

Greens and insurers find common cause at summit

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

DELEGATES were yesterday descending on Berlin in preparation for the biggest and, it is claimed, most important green summit since the meeting in Rio de Janeiro three years ago.

More than 100 nations are meeting to discuss deeper cuts in power station and industrial emissions amid fears that if they continue to rise, the climate will become increasingly violent, unpredictable and damaging to agriculture, wildlife and human society.

There are likely to be tense negotiations after forecasts that few if any industrialised nations will meet previously agreed targets, let alone fresh ones. Existing targets require countries to stabilise greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by 2000. Meanwhile, scientists trying to decide whether global warming will become a reality are growing more confident about their predictions — adding to pressure on doubting leaders to act more firmly to tackle emissions.

A spate of natural disasters has also concentrated policy-makers' minds, while sharpening those of staff in the biggestinsurance firms. The growing relationship between green groups and the insurance industry is likely to be apparent at Berlin. Several senior officials met members of Greenpeace yesterday to find common ground.

Environmentalists see insurance firms as being big enough to take on the energy industry, which they believe they need to bring to heel if emissions are to be reduced significantly. Insurers believe the consequences of global warming are too devastating financially to be ignored. The summit also comes amid reports by British and European economists on how financial policies can be reformed to reduce emissions. Dubbed the "win-win scenarios", these argue that increasing taxes on energy-guzzling industries and private transport can cut emissions while boosting economic output and employment, if the cash is used to reduce National Insurance contributions and encourage innovation.

A study for the European Commission by Dr Silvia Pariente-David, of the Paris-based research organisation DRI, has worked out the impact of energy and pollution taxes on the economies of Britain, France, The Netherlands, Germany, Italy and Spain.

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Uzbeks vote to extend President's rule

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

MILLIONS of Uzbek voters were expected yesterday to approve granting President Karimov, the Central Asian country's authoritarian leader, an extension of office into the next century.

In a move which has become popular among hardline rulers in the region's former Soviet republics, the Uzbek leader was expected to receive overwhelming support to postpone until 2000 elections scheduled for 1997. Officially the postponement will synchronise presidential polls with parliamentary elections due in 2000, but Western observers say the referendum is a Soviet-style rubber-stamp exercise to consolidate Mr Karimov's already considerable hold over his ancient Muslim nation.

The Uzbek leader suggested recently that his country was not yet ready for real democracy. On Saturday President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan decreed that his oil-rich country will hold a referendum next month to decide whether his tenure should also be extended to December 2000, promising "a dictatorship of the constitution and the law".

The Uzbek and Kazakh leaders appear to be following the lead of President Niyazov, leader of neighbouring Turkmenistan, who won an extension of power to 2002.

☐ **Tiraspol:** Moldavia's breakaway Dnestr region turned out in force yesterday for a referendum intended to prevent the withdrawal of Russia's 14th Army, seen as the only safeguard against a repeat of the 1992 bloodshed in which hundreds died in fighting between local separatists and Moldavian government

NEWS IN BRIEF

British soldier in coma dies

Zagreb: A British soldier serving with peacekeepers in Croatia has died after a road accident in the Adriatic port of Split, a United Nations spokesman said yesterday.

Private Lee Harper, 21, of Burnley, Lancashire, died in hospital after a three-day coma. His parents were at his bedside.

Harper was travelling in an army Land Rover when he fell out and sustained severe head injuries. *(AP)*

Blast kills 8

Delhi: Eight activists of India's ruling Congress party were killed in a landmine explosion yesterday in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh. Two other party workers were injured. *(Reuter)*

Fish talks fail

St John's, Newfoundland: Talks to settle the fish war between Canada and the European Union ended as Ottawa threatened new action against Spanish boats fishing in disputed waters. *(Reuter)*

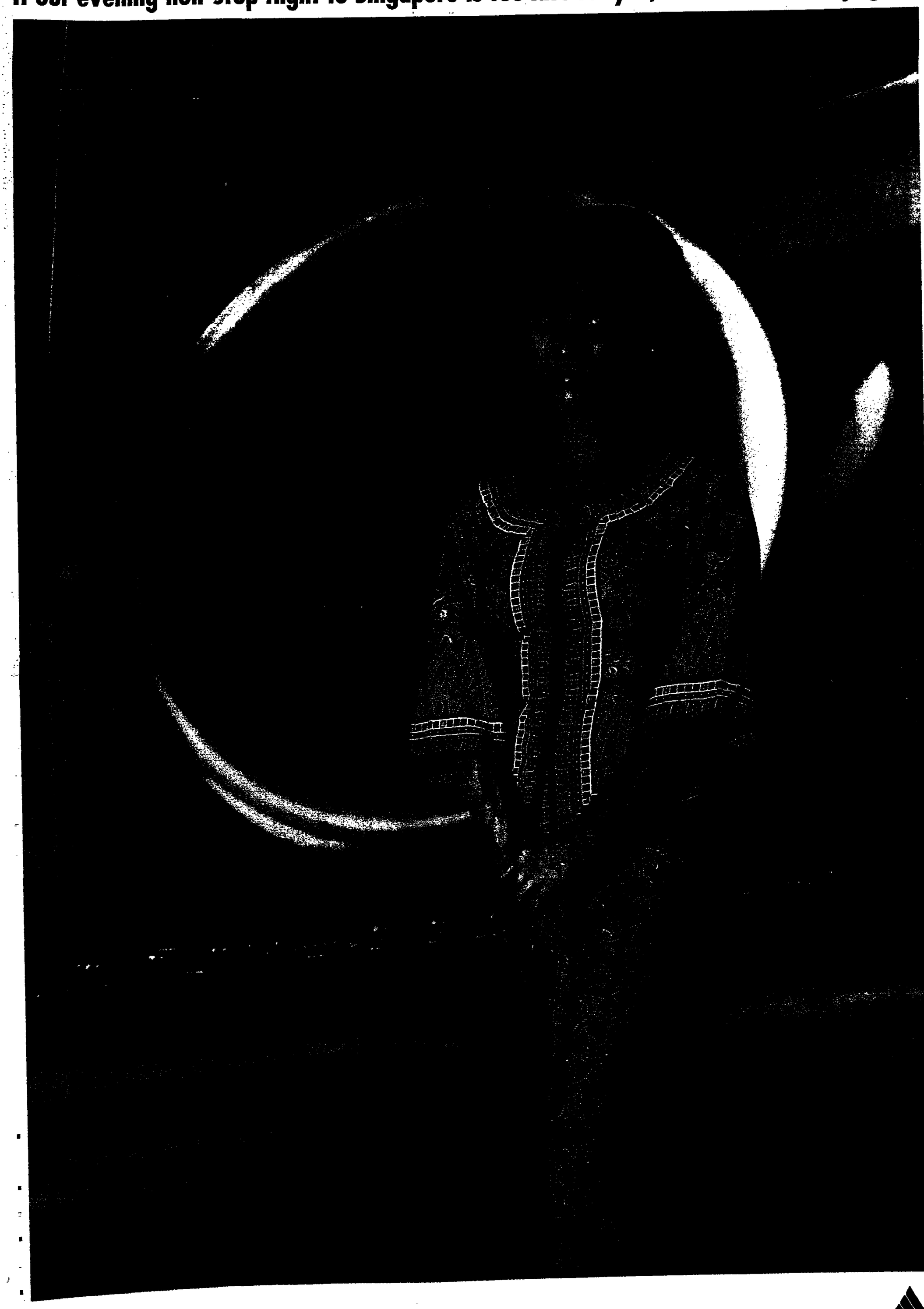
Bear necessity

Peking: Yong Liang, the first giant panda raised from birth in captivity but which was dying of anaemia, has been saved by a transfusion of red blood cells from two black bears at Peking Zoo.

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Melbourne: The Daily Planet, Australia's largest brothel, says it plans to float on the Australian Stock Exchange this year. The Melbourne brothel has an estimated turn-

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Queen's tour of South Africa is hailed as triumph

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN DURBAN AND MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE Queen arrived back in London yesterday after a six-day tour of South Africa which Buckingham Palace regards as one of the most successful and significant of her reign.

In a speech on her last day at a lunch in Durban attended by King Goodwill Zwelithini and other Zulu dignitaries, the Queen described her visit as one of the outstanding experiences of her life. The flattered Zulus presented her with a stuffed lioness and a live pedigree bull. She immediately donated the latter to a local veterinary research centre.

Frank Mdlalose, Prime Minister of KwaZulu/Natal province, also gave the Queen a replica of a silver cup presented by Queen Victoria in 1882 to Cetshwayo, King Goodwill's great, great, great-grandfather, on a visit to Windsor.

Recalling the battle of Rorke's Drift where 11 Victoria Crosses were won by the British defenders and at which the Prince Imperial of France was killed, Dr Mdlalose quoted Disraeli: "A remarkable people, these Zulus. They have conquered our generals, converted our bishops, and put an end to a great European dynasty."

Apart from the nostalgic memories of her 1947 visit, what has most pleased the Queen has been South Africa's return to the Commonwealth, and the part played by that organisation in quickening the pace of the country's return to democracy.

In her valedictory speech the Queen said: "The world has its share of cynics and pessimists but, in the new South Africa, you are putting them to shame. Certainly you have problems, and you do not seek to hide them. Far more striking than the problems are the energy and good will which you bring to them. We shall take back, in a new form, an old message — faith can move mountains. Faith can recreate a nation."

Even the most indifferent South Africans seem to have been won round by the energy and charm of the royal couple. Thousands of people, particularly blacks, lined the streets to catch a glimpse of the royal guests.

Dan Moyane, a presenter for Radio 702, insisted at the start of the tour that the royals' presence left him cold. By the end he was excitedly boasting that he had had lunch with the Queen.

Not everyone was converted. The ultra-right Afrikaner politicians maintained their curmudgeonly stance with eight organisations telling Queen in a letter: "We hold the entire English nation responsible for the holocaust of 1900 to 1902 ... as the Queen of England you personify British imperialism ... and British atrociousness."



President Mandela with the Queen and his companion, Rochelle Mtirara, at Durban town hall on the last day of the state visit

President's companion 'part of extended family'

ROCHELLE MTIRARA was constantly at President Mandela's side during the Queen's state visit, and was seated close to him at the top table at both his own and the Queen's state banquets (Alan Hamilton in Durban and Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg write). At a walkabout in Durban to mark the Queen's departure, the 76-year-old President and the 24-year-old held hands and appeared to enjoy a warm personal relationship.

Ms Mtirara's position caused some mild confusion among Palace officials. They began by describing her as the President's grand-daughter, then believed she was his niece, and finally fell to explaining that she was merely a member of the royal house of the Tembu tribe, to which Mr Mandela also belongs.

A member of the President's entourage explained: "She is a grand-daughter, but not in the way you British understand. She is a member of his extended family, and lives with him along with several other family members." A spokesman for Mr Mandela said that Ms Mtirara will be seen with him much more frequently. This suggests that she is being groomed to travel to Britain next year for the first state visit by a South African Head of State. The President separated from his wife Winnie in 1992.

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Winnie Mandela courts townships in fight to survive

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

WINNIE MANDELA took the battle for her political life to the townships of the Western Cape yesterday amid fevered speculation that her dismissal from the South African Government is imminent.

Mrs Mandela was the main speaker at a voter-registration rally in Browns Farm squatter camp near Cape Town. Her visit was made against a background of reports in South Africa's Sunday newspapers suggesting that the question is not if, but when, she will go. According to African National Congress sources, Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, will make an official announcement this week.

The charges against her are of disloyalty, disobedience and wilfulness. She publicly attacked the Government of which she is a Deputy Minister, and to date has failed to apologise properly while making sure that everybody knew the apology that did go out was drafted by Mr Mbeki.

Then, when President Mandela insisted that she be present at a crucial ANC meeting, she left on a trip to West Africa. The press believes it is for this that she is to be called to account.

It is believed Mr Mandela decided he could not sack her while she was still abroad. Then, shortly after her return, the police raided her home to seize documents as part of a fraud inquiry. Again the Government decided she could not be dismissed in the middle of her court challenge against the police over the raid.

Emboldened by a court decision last week that the raid was unlawful, Mrs Mandela was yesterday typically defiant. Addressing a crowd of about 3,000 on a soccer pitch in the middle of the squatter camp, Mrs Mandela saluted her supporters with a clenched fist and led them in singing and dancing. She rounded on her opponents, condemning in turn the white-owned media and the police.

She also reiterated her claim that the ANC was in office but not in power. Almost a year after democratic elections, she said, the old apartheid system was still in existence. "This is one of the saddest periods of my life," she told the audience to cheers. "I am shocked by what is happening."

The South African media have questioned the reluctance of the Government to act against Mrs Mandela for fear of political repercussions. Those closest to the President dispute the charge, pointing out that her support is primarily concentrated in the Johannesburg area. If the reception she received in the Western Cape is anything to go by, however, that suggestion appears wide of the mark.



Mrs Mandela drew enthusiastic cheers

Burundi deaths stir up fear of genocide

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

BURUNDI'S army and Tutsi tribal militias have driven tens of thousands of rival Hutus from the capital, Bujumbura, after a weekend of ethnic bloodletting that left up to 500 people dead and hundreds of homes destroyed. The incident threatens to cause genocide in the central African region on a scale similar to the massacres in which a million people were killed in neighbouring Rwanda last year.

Locals said yesterday that as many as 50,000 refugees from the Hutu majority had fled into neighbouring Zaire, and more were joining them on the road west. Only the stronghold suburb of Kamenge, where tribal militias are heavily armed, remains in Hutu hands after fighting between Hutus and the Tutsi-dominated army. A pall of smoke hung over the city yesterday evening.

The tiny former Belgian colony has been on the brink of mass tribal slaughter since 1993, when up to 100,000 people were killed after the murder of Burundi's first democratically-elected president, a Hutu. The country managed to avert genocide similar to that in Rwanda, which started last April after the Hutu presidents of Rwanda and Burundi were killed when their aircraft was shot down in the Rwandan capital, Kigali. Tribal murder has, however, become increasingly violent this month. Heavily-armed Hutu militias living in refugee camps in Zaire and Tanzania have joined Burundi Hutu radicals in Burundi and launched a series of attacks on Tutsi civilians and the Burundi army.

Yesterday, Augustin Nzojibwami, the secretary-general of the Hutu-dominated Front for Democracy in Burundi (Frodebu), begged on national radio for international military intervention to prevent a return to tribal slaughter. "The state is no longer capable of fully providing security for its citizens and foreigners," he said.

Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, the Hutu President, appealed on state radio and television for calm. Belgium advised its 900 nationals in the country to send their wives and children abroad.

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US condemns Iraq for jail terms given to two Americans

BY IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON yesterday denounced the eight-year jail terms imposed on two Americans who strayed across the Kuwaiti border into Iraq. A senior Republican politician called for the United States to look at possible military options in retaliation.

Richard Lugar, a Republican senator who is seeking his party's presidential nomination, said: "I think we have to take that chance."

Washington warned Baghdad that the fate of the two Americans, William Barloon, 39, and David Daliberti, 41, could not be used as leverage to lift the United Nations oil embargo. Iraq, meanwhile, rejected a new US and British proposal that would allow the sale of some oil strictly to buy relief goods and for Gulf War reparations.

Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq, condemned the plan as a "silly" manoeuvre designed to prolong sanctions, while giving Iraq too little money and trying to separate permanently the Kurds in northern Iraq from Baghdad's control.

Mr Barloon and Mr Daliberti who entered Iraq illegally, were tried, convicted and sentenced in Baghdad on Saturday. Two Polish diplomats, who represent US interests in Iraq, attended the trial as observers. A defence lawyer was appointed by Baghdad.

Both men, employed by US companies with aircraft maintenance contracts in Kuwait, lost their way nearly two weeks ago while trying to visit friends at a UN post in the demilitarised zone. It is unclear how they inadvertently drove across a trench, 10ft deep and 16ft wide, that was built along the 130-mile border by Kuwait last year. After a series of errors at checkpoints, they reached the southern Iraqi town of Umm Qasr, where they were arrested.

The White House and State Department said the pair had made an innocent mistake and had committed no crime to justify the stiff sentences. Mr Barloon's wife, Linda, said in Kuwait: "I'm devastated. I just can't believe it."

The US sent a firm request to Iraq that they be released immediately on humanitarian grounds. Christine Shelly, State Department spokeswoman, said the sentences were "an attempt to take advantage of two Americans".

Under the new oil proposal, Iraq would be allowed to sell oil worth $1 billion (£633 million) over three months, followed by a similar amount in the next three months and renewable for additional periods of six months if Iraq complied.

For each $1 billion received, $300 million would go to a UN Gulf War reparations fund and $200 million to UN agencies which provide relief to Kurds in the northern no-fly zone of Iraq. Baghdad could use the remainder for medicines, food and other emergency supplies.

Mr Aziz said the new proposal would in effect amount to seven dollars to provide food and medicines for each Iraqi every month.

There were growing fears, meanwhile, that Turkey's military offensive by 35,000 soldiers against Iraqi Kurd rebels in northern Iraq might play into the hands of President Saddam Hussein who has effectively lost control of the northern territory to the Kurds.

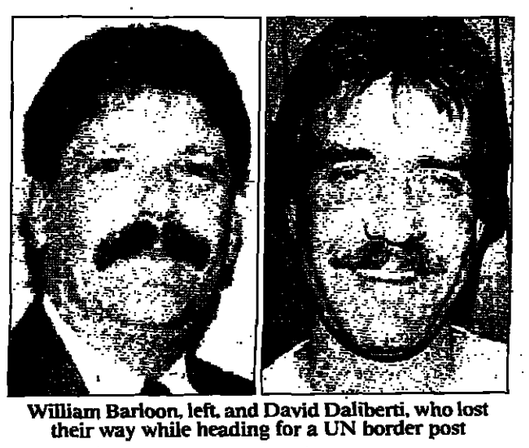
Turkey's military action which continued yesterday with rigorous searches for members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), was condemned last night by Lord Archer, the millionaire author and former Tory party chairman as a "barbaric" assault.

Launching a charity appeal for Kurdish refugees, he said Turkey was acting without authority, and he warned Ankara that the operation could damage Turkey's hopes of joining the European Union.

Lord Archer said: "The 35,000 soldiers should leave immediately. While recognising the problem with the PKK in Turkey, that does not give them the right to kill innocent Kurds in their pursuit of terrorists."

Nearly 2,000 refugees had to be rescued by UN aid officials in northern Iraq yesterday. The refugees, Turkish Kurds who went to northern Iraq last year, were caught up in Turkey's military operation.

Officials from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the UN Childrewn's Fund and Quandil, a Swedish humanitarian organisation, provided 30 trucks to move nearly 2,000 Turkish Kurds from Zakho on the border to Atrush, about 60 miles to the south. Atrush is already filled with more than 9,000 Turkish Kurds. The refugees fled from their villages in Turkey last year because of fighting between Turkish forces and the PKK.



William Barloon, left, and David Daliberti, who lost their way while heading for a UN border post



A policeman in protective clothing stands guard over barrels of chemicals confiscated from an Aum Shinrikyo compound

Bunker link to gas attack

BY GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

MORE details of the bizarre lifestyle and practices of Aum Shinrikyo, the religious cult which has been linked by police to the poison gas attack on Toyko's subway system, emerged at the weekend as about 1,000 investigators equipped with power shovels, axes and chainsaws excavated a secret bunker beneath the residence of Shoko Asahara, the cult leader.

Police said the bunker was used to imprison cult members and to store lethal chemicals for a "poison gas plant" which was discovered in a nearby building in the cult's sprawling compound. The weekend search, mounted after three consecutive days of police raids on the sect's premises around Japan, also provided fresh evidence implicating the sect in the gas attack. Police confirmed that chemical samples taken from the sect's headquarters matched those from subway carriages after Monday's gassing and also, from a nerve gas attack last June which killed seven and injured 50 people in Matsumoto, a city near the sect's headquarters.

The findings have given police their first conclusive evidence of the sect's involvement in the two gas attacks. The Government is now preparing charges against Mr Asahara and his followers of "preparation to commit mass murder".

Speculation about the sect's involvement quickly reached fever pitch from the first news of last Monday's gas attack, which killed ten and injured more than 5,000 people.

Residents around the affluent inner Tokyo area of Azabu yesterday found threats of new gas attacks stuffed in their mailboxes.

Japanese companies in Australia at the weekend received threats citing the Tokyo subway attack and saying their facilities would be next.

Japanese police said they are treating all such threats as hoaxes. Many Japanese, however, feel that with Mr Asahara and his followers still at large, no threat can be dismissed.

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New Islamic extremists vow war on Jews

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

A NEW Palestinian Islamic extremist group emerged yesterday in the Gaza Strip modelled on Algeria's extreme Islamic Salvation Front and dedicated to mounting attacks on "every Jew on the land of Palestine".

The Islamic Front for the Salvation of Palestine appeared 48 hours after Yassir Arafat, the chief of the Palestinian Authority, promised in talks with Al Gore, the American Vice-President, to crack down on "the enemies of peace" within the self-rule enclaves of Gaza and Jericho.

Yesterday Algerian newspapers reported that troops had killed more than 300 rebels of the armed islamic group after ambushing them on a tip-off. The confrontation was the biggest reported in Algeria's three-year conflict.

The new group in Gaza is being taken seriously by Israeli security forces, disturbed at the failure of the police to cope with the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad. The new force, like its Algerian counterparts, declared war on "the influence of the West found in cinemas, alcohol, gambling and prostitution". Sources in Gaza said that it was expected to take action against such phenomena as the growing number of women spurning the Muslim headscarf and the recent staging of a fashion show at an hotel close to Mr Arafat's headquarters.

Recent visitors to Gaza say a more relaxed Islamic influence evident after the arrival of Mr Arafat and his followers from cosmopolitan Tunisia has been replaced by a harder line. In the one Gaza hotel which permitted Westerners to purchase alcohol, albeit a ration of three cans of beer a day, all supplies have now disappeared.

President Mubarak of Egypt predicted last year that Gaza could become the base for more widespread Islamic extremism that could threaten Europe, unless there was a rapid injection of aid. This has still not materialised in anywhere near the quantities pledged when peace between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation was signed 18 months ago.

First Lady welcomed by Bhutto

FROM AFP IN ISLAMABAD

BENAZIR BHUTTO, the Pakistani Prime Minister, yesterday described Hillary Clinton, the American First Lady, as a symbol for the women of the world.

At a luncheon for the wife of President Clinton here, Miss Bhutto praised her role in the cause of women, children and education, saying: "I am utterly fascinated by Hillary Clinton's efforts to redefine the role of women in the United States — you are a symbol for all women in East and West."

Mrs Clinton in turn described Miss Bhutto's leadership as a "beacon for all of us", adding that "women are breaking new ground" and winning new opportunities everywhere in the world.

Mrs Clinton flew to Islamabad late on Saturday on the first leg of her two-week South Asian tour. She will also visit India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. In her arrival statement, after being welcomed by Asif Ali Zardari, Miss Bhutto's husband, she said. "Our nations have enjoyed a long friendship and shared interests, and for that reason, I am pleased to begin my visit to South Asia from here in Pakistan."

Day of freedom knocks out Tyson

FROM JAMES BONE IN SOUTHINGTON, OHIO

MIKE TYSON'S sprawling brick mansion in Ohio might seem the perfect refuge for a man who has spent the last three years in a jail cell just 8ft by 11ft.

In the best tradition of American bad taste, the 60-acre compound has sunken marble baths, gold-plated furnishings, and a swimming pool in the shape of a boxing glove. However, when the former world heavyweight boxing champion ventures beyond the main gate, he will find himself in the decaying "Rust Belt" of America amid shuttered shops and silent steel mills.

After a weekend relaxing at home with his new girlfriend, Tyson is due today to meet his probation officer in nearby Youngstown, a city which is so poor that outsiders hesitate to drive there. Under the terms of his conviction for rape in 1991, he must serve four years probation, undergo psychological counselling and perform 100 hours of community service each year. There is speculation that he will fulfil this requirement by coaching local youngsters in the ring.

Tyson could make $50 million (£32 million) from his first fight, and millions more if he tries to recapture his world crown. He is in this unlikely corner of Ohio for one reason: Don King, his promoter, who faces trial this summer on charges of defrauding Lloyd's of London of insurance money when a fight was cancelled, bought a home in the Southington area after serving four and a half years in jail for manslaughter, and established a boxing training camp close by.

When Tyson arrived home on Saturday morning the trees along the road were festooned with yellow ribbons and fans waiting at his gate. A large banner in front of the house proclaimed: "Champ, We Missed You". Riding in a white jeep, Tyson drove straight past his supporters and disappeared into the grounds with Monica Turner, 28, the mini-skirted medical student believed to be the boxer's new love.

Hans Strauss, a Las Vegas "caterer-to-the-stars", had been asked to lay on a lavish homecoming banquet and had bought goats, lambs, pigs, rabbits and seafood. However, after meeting several friends and relatives in the afternoon, Tyson called off the celebrity bash. According to one of his entourage, he was just too tired.

Wearing a white Muslim prayer cap, Tyson earlier walked out of the jail and made straight for a service at a nearby mosque.

The contest among his many suitors is over. The decision is in: his heart has gone to Miss Turner; his body to Mr King; his soul to Allah.

Hollywood madam's plea fails

BY GILES WHITTELL

HEIDI FLEISS, who was convicted in January of running a high-class call-girl operation for Hollywood's rich and famous, has been denied a retrial despite confessions of juror misconduct.

Fleiss, 29, had been widely expected to win a retrial after the jury forewoman admitted that she and others had agreed to convict her on charges of soliciting for prostitution in return for an acquittal on the drugs charges that she also faced.

The Supreme Court decided last Friday that the juror misconduct, though serious, would not have affected the outcome of the trial. She faces up to eight years' jail.



Fleiss: reacts after the court ruling

US Governor ruffles feathers

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

PETE WILSON, the Governor of California, has angered environmentalists only days before he is expected to announce formally that he will stand for the presidency. He has suggested that the laws protecting the state's endangered species should be reformed.

Bighorn sheep, brown pelicans, and bald eagles — America's national bird — will be threatened if California's Endangered Species Act is watered down as Mr Wilson wishes, senior environmentalists said. The Republican Governor, who announced the formation of a presidential exploratory committee last week, wants stronger proof that an animal's habitat is in jeopardy before it is put on the endangered list. He also wants to remove penalties for landowners who destroy habitats that may be critical to a species' survival.

Critics said his proposal could involve a "massive and costly bureaucratic burden". Its beneficiaries, according to Mike Paparian, of the Sierra Club, America's oldest environmental organisation, "are agribusiness, large developers, and large oil companies". Mr Paparian added that "these are the very same constituencies that have traditionally financed Governor Wilson's campaigns".

"The Endangered Species Act is a law with the best of intentions, but one that yields unsatisfactory environmental benefits and far too many unintended adverse economic consequences," a spokesman for Mr Wilson said on Friday.

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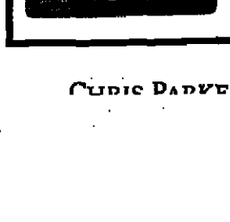
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■ OPERA

The third instalment of Richard Jones's controversial *Ring* production arrives at Covent Garden

OPENS: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday



■ VISUAL ART

Richard Avedon: a 50-year retrospective at the National Portrait Gallery for America's most famous photographer

OPEN: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow



■ MUSIC

Dutch treat: Riccardo Chailly conducts an all-German programme with the Concertgebouw at the Barbican

CONCERT: Tuesday
REVIEW: Thursday



■ POP

A legend returns: Bob Dylan's most comprehensive British tour for 30 years arrives at the Brixton Academy

GIG: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

SIEGFRIED: To call the Bernard Haitink-Richard Jones-Nigel Lowery *Ring* production controversial may be the height of understatement but it does couple an utterly original, anarchic and thought-provoking approach to the text with some of the finest music-making to be heard in Wagner today. With John Tomlinson, Siegfried Jerusalem, Anne Evans and Graham Clark.
Royal Opera House, Bow Street, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, 5.30pm

THE MEMORANDUM: Opening night for a revival of President Havel's surreal comedy about office intrigue and a weird new language, supposedly designed to improve efficiency. Dating from 1965 and given its UK premiere here in 1977.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Tonight, 7.45pm. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Mar 30, Apr 6 and 13, 2.30pm; Sat 4pm. Until Apr 29.

ANDREW WILDE: A young Brit emerging as an international star gives a piano recital of works by Chopin and Haydn. Not to be missed for an evening of greatly enjoyable talent-spotting.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm.

BETTY CARTER: Book early for Carter's brief season — she may overdo the mannerisms at times but at her best she is a hypnotic live presence. Make a point of catching the opening instrumental number by her musicians; Carter has a knack of finding the sharpest new players in New York.
Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, W1 (0171-439 0747). Tonight-Apr 8, from 9.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Bernard Hill is magnificent as Eddie, the over-protective guardian in David Thacker's production of Miller's **A View from the Bridge**. A co-production with Bristol Old Vic and West End bound.
Repertory, Centenary Square (0121-236 4455). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Tue and Thurs, 2.30pm. Final week.

BOLTON: **The Family Way**, Bill Naughton's crisper rewrite of his 1960s hit *All in Good Time*, has just opened. A comic look at the difficulties besetting consummation when newlyweds have to stay with the groom's parents.
Octagon, Howell Croft South (01204 520661). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Apr 12 and 22, 2pm. Until Apr 22.

CARDIFF: Treat yourself to **Hot Shoe Shuffle**: a cocktail of high-energy tap and big band sounds from Gershwin to Ellington and Fats Waller to Cab Calloway. Great fun.
New, Park Place (0222 394844). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, Sat, 3pm.

EDINBURGH: Derek Jacobi takes on the role of **Hadrian VII**, a 20th-century Englishman who imagines himself to be Pope, in a colourful, corrupt fantasy. A Chichester Festival Theatre production, on a brief national tour.
King's, Leven Street (0131-220 4349). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

SHEFFIELD: Miriam Margolyes plays the weedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy **The Killing of Sister George**. With Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson; now on tour prior to a run in the West End.
Lyceum, Norfolk Street (0114-276 9922). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 3pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . . **British Museum**: Byzantine Treasures from British Collections (0171-636 1555) . . . **Hayward**: Yves Klein (071-928 3144) . . . **National Gallery**: Spanish Still Life: from Velásquez to Goya (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) . . . **Tate**: Willem de Kooning (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Nehru Gallery (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◩ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: Exhilaratin' song' n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **THE BLUE BALL**: Paul Godfrey, author of *Once in a While the Odd Thing Happens*, directs his new play: an investigation into the experience of Space, as revealed to the first astronauts.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm, opens March 30.

☐ **BROKEN GLASS**: Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong concern with personal responsibility. David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **BURNING BLUE**: Strong and moving play by former fighter pilot D.M.W. Greer about friendship, doomed gay love and a witch hunt in the US Navy. John T. Hickok directs a cast of eight.
King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Ticket availability is for tomorrow.

☐ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER**: Judd Hirsch re-creates his Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's play, covering 40 years of Jewish experience in New York. When all's told, it's fairly thin stuff. Alan Ayckbourn directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING**: Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's menage à trois comedy. Sean Mathias's award-winner, with even more sexual rough and tumble than at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE**: Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **INDIAN INK**: Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◩ **THE STRIP**: Phyllis Nagy's new play follows sundry oddballs converging on Las Vegas. Don't expect great linear progression, enjoy it as a post-modernist mosaic.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

☐ **UP'N'UNDER**: John Godber's rugby play, done by Hull Truck. Enthusiastic' n 'simple. Leave your brains in the changing room.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **THE WINTER GUEST**: Phyllida Law and Sian Thomas head Alan Rickman's sensitively directed cast in Sharman Macdonald's fine play about loss, survival, the perils and joys of life.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . . ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . . ◩ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . . ◩ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . . ■ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DROP ZONE** (15): Wesley Snipes goes undercover to catch sky-diving criminals. Good aerial stunts; otherwise, an empty action thriller. With Yancy Butler and Gary Busey.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner; with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

MI VIDA LOCA (15): Unfocused tales of LA gang life, from a female perspective. Allison Anders (*Gas Food Lodging*) directs.
Electric (0171-792 2020) **Metro** (0171-437 0757)

NOBODY'S FOOL (15): Endearing slice of small-town Americana, with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis and Jessica Tandy. Writer-director, Robert Benton.
Odeon West End (01426-915 574)

CURRENT

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

IMMORTAL BELOVED (15): Gary Oldman is Beethoven, but the film still ends up worthy and dull. With Jeroen Krabbe and Isabella Rossellini; writer-director, Bernard Rose.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **I.Q.** (U): Albert Einstein steers his niece towards romance with an ordinary Joe. Overly cute comedy with Meg Ryan, Tim Robbins and Walter Matthau.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl.
Prince Charles (0171-437 8181)

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DANCE: Parody with panache in the West End; plus more from the Spring Loaded festival

Titters amid the tartan

Highland Fling
Donmar Warehouse

Of all Britain's independent dance companies, Adventures in Motion Pictures is probably the one best-suited to a West End season. Matthew Bourne's choreographic style is overtly theatrical, immediately communicative and highly enjoyable to a non-specialist audience, while his own impressive West End credentials are currently on show in *Oliver!*. So AMP's three-week season at the Donmar Warehouse, presenting Bourne's *Highland Fling*, should be a happy crossover of theatre and dance. If only the Donmar were a better venue for an event like this.

The intimacy which enhances so many of the Donmar's own productions (witness *Glengarry Glen Ross* or *Design for Living*) has the unfortunate effect of highlighting the artifice of dance, while the low, flat stage means sightlines are poor for the majority of the audience — and the dancers' feet are mostly hidden. An added problem is that there is an audience on three sides of the stage and even though Bourne has restaged his work to take this into account, *Highland Fling* remains essentially a conventionally framed dance production, designed to be viewed from the front.

Those provisos aside, Bourne's "romantic wee ballet" is looking good in its current Donmar incarnation. The production is tight, the dancers uniformly excellent. And *Highland Fling* still comes across as one of AMP's most sophisticated — and successful — dance parodies.

The traditional story of *La Sylphide* — one of the jewels of ballet's romantic repertoire — has been turned on its head by Bourne, although he has retained the familiar Lovenskiold score (with witty interjections from *Brigadoon* and *Auld Lang Syne*). Instead of being a peasant in the remote highlands of early 19th-century Scotland, James is an unemployed welder in 1990s Glasgow, whose idea of a good night out is to pop pills and pass out in the lavatory at the Highland Horse social club disco; home is a high-rise council flat.

The sylph who lures our hero away from his betrothed Effie is so bruised and degenerate herself that she looks like an escaped inmate from a chemical dependency unit. Madge is a latter-day witch: a tarot-reading tart in tight trousers. Designer Lez Brotherston shares Bourne's sense of humour — the flat is a riot of tartan, even down to the armchair, the wallpaper and the ironing board.

All of Bourne's dancers have unusually expressive faces and strongly etched dramatic personalities. This is important since the storyline is driven by a comprehensive gestural vocabulary spiced with silent movie-style mime. There is plenty of movement, too, especially in Act II where James is seduced by the sylph and her Wili-like cronies in a spooky forest glade — a scene that owes as much to Fifties vampire flicks as it does to *Giselle*.

Bourne delivers his parody with pathos: James's attempt to ape the sylphs' winged supernaturalness is both hilarious and touching: the sylph's death — at James's unwitting hands — is a condemnation of human vanity. And there is the odd ballet joke (like the flower-throwing from *Giselle*) to keep traditionalists happy.

Scott Ambler is wonderful as the gormless, kilt-wearing James; Maxine Fone is ghoulish and alluring as the nasty sylph; Emily Piercy's Effie is enthusiastically innocent. And newcomer Isabel Mortimer is great as Madge, a witch who wears her malice in eyes that never miss a trick.

DEBRA CRAINE

DEE CONWAY

Odd couple: Scott Ambler as James and Maxine Fone as the sylph in *Highland Fling*

New chapter in a Latin love affair

LAURIE Booth, who has conducted a love affair with South America before, begins his new piece, **Tango Variations** (at the Queen Elizabeth Hall), alone. Standing on overlapping rectangles of light, he slinks and curves and poses, surrounded by silence. He recalls the men who danced on the streets of Buenos Aires by drawing figures of eight in the dust: from where the tango acquired its sensuous, inverted contours and fastidious precision.

He delivers a quick history lesson showing that the tango progressed from its solo origins to two men dancing face to face (Booth and Colin Poole): the way men did as they waited in brothels, their dance a teasing, arousing ritual anticipating the purchased love to follow. Hans Peter Kuhn's recording introduces a distant swell of noise that comes possibly from an (anachronistic) airplane, replaced later by the clanking of train wheels.

The women who next enter evoke the tango's evolution into a social dance. Booth's choreography celebrates classical Argentine tango, legs criss-crossing, caressing and flicking like knives. But he extends this with his unique gymnastic grammar of coils and crouches in which remains a residue of the Brazilian martial art, capoeira — Booth's first love affair with South America. By now tango music alternates with Kuhn's tape, delivered by the Cuarteto Cedrón, live on stage.

Once these premises are established, the piece goes nowhere. Booth repeats himself, even though he explores all the possible variations of solo and ensemble and allows us to admire the dancers' contrasted qualities. Mei-Kuang Li is compact and sexy; Nicola Ellis powerful and stately. And there is the sensational virtuosic duet for Booth and Ellen van Schuylenburch, Booth manipulating her with a mix of earthy boldness and practised delicacy so that she is at once steamy flesh and fragile woman.

Only after the interval, though, does Booth bring a welcome change of gear. The cast, now barefoot, elaborate and pull apart the choreographic shapes even further, the tango motifs stifled to intermittent echoes. Resting dancers recline on Duncan MacAskill's swirling, surrealist version of an iron gate. They are in a suspended world, outside time and place, more free-form and improvised. But they return to the tango, closing an unusual and mostly satisfying evening with the extravagant back-bending clinches of dance-floor couples.

Another Spring Loaded offering, **Ricochet Dance Company** do not bounce off walls at erratic angles, but goodness how they swerve and stretch every fibre of muscle. Russell Maliphant's *Re-coil* (the first half of the company's double bill at The Place Theatre) begins and ends with a woman coiled on the floor. In between unravels an increasingly rich stream of dance. Sometimes the effect is slippery and luscious; sometimes it is slow and linear. The varied patterns and dynamics make powerful stage pictures, even if their profusion says that Maliphant has tried to pour too much into his choreographic jug.

The same five dancers appear less at ease in Javier de Frutos's *E Muoio Disperato (and I die in despair)*. So seeped is this piece in de Frutos's own strong-flavoured, hugely talented, solo performing manner that I felt I could see his ghost multiplied, each dancer a refraction of the absent choreographer's persona.

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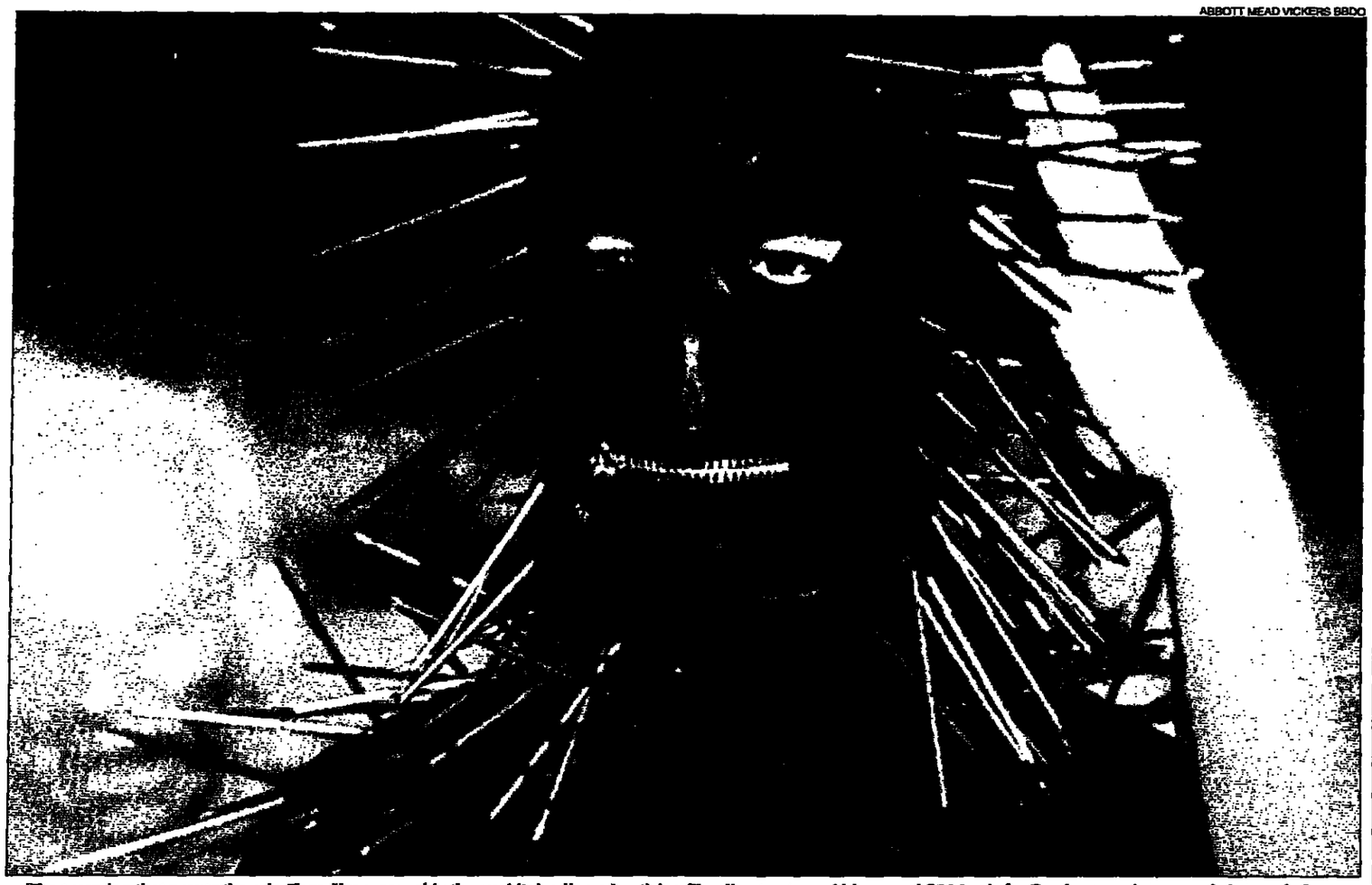
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It looks like it, but is it it?

Alex Benady asks the experts whether advertising can transcend trade and appease the gods of art and mammon



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The exception that proves the rule: Tony Kaye, arguably the world's leading advertising film director, turned his surreal S&M epic for Dunlop tyres into an artistic tour de force

Three naked fat men with abscesses on their eyes sit playing cards in a warehouse. The flayed and bloody carcass of a cow is splattered over the concrete beside them. Next, a woman in a butcher's shop models a meat bikini, with salami bra and cow-tongue pants. Finally, a human sphincter excretes a kidney bean.

These disturbing images of death and decay bear the unmistakable signature of the controversial artist Damien Hirst, and you would be forgiven for supposing that the 60-second film from which they are taken was destined for exhibition at the ICA or some other temple of the avant-garde.

In fact, it was an advertisement made last year for the television station TNT to publicise its *100 Per Cent Weird* late-night film season. But while according to the brief it may have been, on air it wasn't. TNT declined to use it.

Whatever its merits, the film does beg the question: can advertising ever be considered as art? The advertising industry is certainly keen to have us believe so. Tony Kaye, arguably the world's leading advertising film director — with such ads as the surreal S&M epic for Dunlop tyres to his credit — has demonstrated on the steps of the Tate Gallery, demanding that the Dunlop film be exhibited as art. And he has no problem comparing himself to the world's greatest filmmakers. "I like to shoot very much like a modernised version of the Russian cinematographer Eisenstein," he once said.

It is true that the links between advertising and art are almost inextricable. Both use many of the same skills, and often involve the same individuals. And art has always had a strong element of propaganda. From the political messages of Renaissance art through the boastfulness of English 19th-century portraiture to the striking anti-Fascist polemic of John Hartfield in the 1930s, art has always pursued some ideological or economic agenda.

According to Michael Kauffmann, director of the Courtauld Institute, art has had a key influence over commercial messages since they first emerged in the 17th century. "Each stylistic phase of advertising is inspired by the forms of high art," he says, and points to the way that 20th-century posters have been "predominantly influenced by Surrealism, which allows for peculiar treatment of images, and Constructivism, which influenced typography."

In the latter half of the 20th century, advertising has influenced the work of artists such as Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Graham Sutherland and Paul Nash. Film directors such as Alan Parker and Ridley Scott learnt their craft in advertising before moving on to cinema.

But just because they are linked does not mean they are the same thing. The question of whether advertising is art begs the question: what is art? For Chris Frayling, Professor of Cultural History at the Royal Academy, the most obviously "arty" ads are least likely to be art. He points to the example of tobacco advertisements that are clearly influenced by abstract art: "They merely use the language of art, rather than being art," he says.

The real issue is not style, he adds, but how an image is decoded. "If there are a number of readings, then it is art," he says. Product ads that have a punchline are therefore unlikely to make the grade (although he admits that Kaye's Dunlop film does). Most likely to meet his definition are corporate ads, which try to engender a feeling, not a specific message. Frayling cites Ridley Scott's 1984 corporate film for Apple Computers as a prime example of advertising that makes it as art.

David Lee, editor of *Art Review*, argues that although much of advertising gives up its message too easily, in one important sense it could be considered to be the fine art of the day. "Art has always confirmed the ideology of the ruling classes," he says. "By the same token, advertising reflects the values of monopoly capitalism."

He points out that the idea of "art for art's sake" is a comparatively modern notion. "The definition of art has changed since about 1790. It is only since then that it has had a purpose in its own right. Before then it always had some other purpose."

The view of advertising as art receives further support in the unlikely form of Brian Sewell, arch-classicist art critic of the London *Evening Standard*. "Advertising shouldn't be art; it is transitory and it does not deal with the great issues," he says. But Sewell scorns what he claims is the lack of thought and poor craft skills in much modern art. "Art as practised in the temples of art is just a matter of assertion. You could say the only place where many of the visual traditions and the use of classical references are being continued is in advertising.

"For instance, a Peugeot driving through burning cane fields could be redolent of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse moving towards some sort of Götterdämmerung," he says, without revealing how much tongue he has in his cheek.

But many figures in the art establishment reject the notion of advertising as art. As art critic of *The Spectator*, Giles Auty is perhaps uniquely qualified, as an accomplished artist and former advertising man, to comment. For him, the commercial intent of advertising precludes it from being art. "Good art is an expression of inner belief that isn't tampered with," he says. "Advertising has the appearance of art, but it has a different intention, the specific end of persuading people with a commercial message, which disqualifies it."

"Advertising can never be art," says Simon Wilson, curator of interpretation at the Tate Gallery in London. He refers to Oscar Wilde's dictum that "all art is quite useless", and says that "if something has a use, then it is not art. Advertising has a use, it sells things."

To complicate matters further, some people believe that it is not only a change of place but also the "winnowing of time" that can turn advertising into art. Professor Anthony Jones, Rector of the Royal College of Art, illustrates the point with the example of a poster by the French artist Cassandra for the Normandy shipping line in the 1930s. "The Normandy Line is no longer in business, and therefore that image no longer has a commercial meaning. Now it is regarded as art, and quite rightly so."

It is a controversy that shows no sign of receding and which seems to encourage protagonists to pop up in unexpected positions. Surprisingly, Damien Hirst agrees that, despite containing some of the same themes as his art, the film for TNT was not art because its role was to sell. "It gives up its meaning too easily," he says.

He recently created a sculpture called *Looking Forward to the Relief of Pain*. Embedded in it are four television monitors showing commercials for pain relief products. "That is the only way ads can become art," he says.

Treasure best left buried

CONCERT

BBCSO/Davis
Festival Hall

DESPITE the pre-concert fuss made about this British premiere, Messiaen's *Chant des Desportes*, written in 1945 shortly after his release from a prisoner-of-war camp to mark the return of all such French prisoners to their homeland and rediscovered only in 1991, is an oddity best left in the archives.

This marriage of crunchy, soupy Messiaenic orchestral layers with a tune that comes direct from the patriotic stable of *La Marseillaise* is a prospect redolent of Berlioz-like gaucheness that simply does not work.

Still, at least we now know, although were I a member of the tenor or soprano sections of the BBC Symphony Chorus I would be a little miffed to have given up a free evening just for this piece.

It came after an exquisitely placed, aromatic performance of *Cinq Rechants*, in which Simon Joly conducted the BBC Singers, and before a performance of the monumental *Turangalila* symphony, both part of Messiaen's "Tristan" trilogy, and both finished in 1948.

The two pieces share other features. If *Cinq Rechants* is all swooping lines, erotic harmonies and mantric chant, so is *Turangalila*. But the choral piece juxtaposes those characteristics within individual movements, while *Turangalila*'s ten-movement form allows Messiaen to explore them more thoroughly, for instance in the mesmerically rhythmic three "Turangalila" movements themselves, where the ritual aspects of love counter the lush and lavish emotions found elsewhere in the work.

This was a wonderfully full-blooded performance from that most indulgent of conductors, Andrew Davis, the willingly euphonious and exultant choir of instrumentalists, the BBC Symphony Orchestra, and with those two indefatigable sisters, Jeanne Loriod and Yvonne Loriod (Mrs Messaien), as glittering piano and haunting, swooping Ondes Martenot soloists.

STEPHEN PETTITT

OVERTURES

Roamer Juliet



Juliet Stevenson heads for a Broadway date with Ibsen

IS THERE a British performer (or writer or director for that matter) *not* going to Broadway? The latest to join the line-up is **Juliet Stevenson**, who will make her New York stage debut next season at the Roundabout Theatre as Nora in *A Doll's House*, a play she has already filmed for the BBC. Stevenson, you may remember, was pipped at the post by Glenn Close on her last hoped-for Broadway venture, when Close was given Stevenson's London role in the Broadway version of Ariel Dorfman's *Death and the Maiden*.

It looks as if Stevenson may arrive in Manhattan around the same time as playwright **Jonathan Harvey**, whose award-winning *Beautiful Thing* has been optioned for an off-Broadway run in the autumn. One person not headed for New York, at least for the moment, is **Peter Hall**: plans for him to restage his acclaimed London production of Shaw's *An Ideal Husband* on Broadway have fallen through because of problems with casting.

NICHOLAS HYTNER, and not the previously-mentioned **Kenneth Branagh**, will direct a major Hollywood feature film of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. Hytner is a hot cinematic property after the success of *The Madness of King George*, while Branagh's film of *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* was one of last year's turkeys. Branagh, though, is far from idle: he has started production in Woking directing his own script of *In the Bleak Midwinter*, a low-budget English comedy with a cast headed by Michael Maloney, Richard Briers, Celia Imrie and Joan Collins.

A 22-YEAR-OLD student from Newcastle University has beaten professional artists by winning top spot in the NatWest 90s Prize for Art. **Diarmuid Kelley** takes home £5,000 after winning the first painting competition he had ever entered. The NatWest 90s Prize for Art, which is open to art students and professional artists up to the age of 35, aims to encourage a return to "fundamental artistic skills such as drawing, composition, colour and control of the medium".

NATIONAL Theatre regular and Olivier nominee (for *Sweet Bird of Youth*), **Clare Higgins** is taking a brief pause from the stage to focus on films. Fresh from Richard Eyre's BBC TV version of David Hare's play *The Absence of War*, Higgins will next star in *Easter House*, the new film from director Gillies Mackinnon (*The Playboys*).

A life well worth living and reliving

JAZZ

George Chisholm 80th Birthday Tribute
Purcell Room

George Chisholm was once hailed as "a superlative musician with an ageless style" by no less an authority than the late Leonard Feather, so it was entirely fitting that his 80th birthday should be marked by a concert of appropriately ageless music.

Slide by Slide — fellow trombonists Pete Strange and Ray Wordsworth — backed by the Martin Litton Trio, eased themselves into the proceedings with Duke Ellington's *It Don't Mean a Thing*. Thereafter, joined sporadically by clarinettist-saxophonist John Barnes, they continued to plumb Chisholm's discography for similar mainstream classics.

Chisholm can claim, with some justification, to have been the first British jazz musician to establish himself on the international scene. Two recording sessions in the late 1930s helped him to do this. The first, in 1937, came when Chisholm was recruited by Benny Carter to join a band, later also to feature Coleman Hawkins, in Holland, and from that session the tribute concert chose *Pardon Me Pretty Baby*.

Wordsworth and Strange traded licks in lively, cogent fashion, but it was Barnes on alto who, emulating Carter in all but the American's use of trumpet in the original piece's jammed introduction, stole the show with a lively but cultured solo packed with ideas.

The second session, in 1938, was led by the legendary pianist Fats Waller during a tour of the UK, and Chisholm was so eager to take part that he interrupted his honeymoon on Jersey to do so.

piano version by Litton of Waller's virtuosic *Smashing Thirds*, the entire tribute band took two pieces from the famous prewar session — *Flat Foot Floogie* and *Ain't Misbehavin'* — and used them as starting points for informal but highly enjoyable excursions, both vocal and instrumental.

Chisholm's contribution to strictly UK-based jazz, however, was not overlooked. In addition to his work with larger ensembles such as the wartime RAF band the Squadronaires, the Scottish trombonist also graced smaller units.

From an early 1970s Alex Welsh recording, Slide by Slide resurrected a trombone duet of Cole Porter's *It's All Right With Me*: the whole band gave a brisk workout to *There's Honey on the Moon Tonight* (from Victor Sylvester's Jive Band), and the *Melody Maker* All Stars were commemorated with a beautifully restrained, mellow version of Ellington's *Mood Indigo*.

Although illness prevented Chisholm being present at the concert, this was a suitably broad-based tribute to him, tastefully representative of all aspects of a trailblazing jazz career.

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In praise of the liposome



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

MORE than 180 scientists are meeting at the Babraham Institute, near Cambridge, for a celebratory conference today. It is 30 years since Dr Alec Bangham, working at the institute, discovered liposomes — hollow, microscopic spheres of fatty materials that form spontaneously in water.

Since then, liposomes have spawned more than 13,000 scientific papers and 1,500 patents, found their way into skin creams and compounds used to save the lives of premature babies, and they are at last, after many disappointments, proving successful as drug-delivery systems.

Dr Bangham, now retired but still very active, will be there to discuss the latest developments, including one of the most exciting — the so-called "stealth" liposomes, which are not detected by the immune system.

Wrapped around a drug, these little packages survive for long periods in the bloodstream and they can thus greatly increase the effectiveness of the treatment. The drug is slowly released so that it does not damage healthy organs, and is not removed by the body's own defences.

Liposome Technology, of Menlo Park, California, last month won approval from a committee of the US Food and Drug Adminstration for its drug SL-Dox, designed to treat Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer that attacks Aids patients. SL-Dox consists of the cancer drug doxorubicin, wrapped in a stealth liposome.

In animal models it has shown excellent results, completely clearing colon cancers in mice and showing effectiveness against breast and lung cancers, too. In the Kaposi's trial in human patients, the liposomes deliver more than ten times as much of the drug to the tumour as doxorubicin alone.

In Britain, liposomes are being used in the gene therapy trial taking place at the Royal Marsden Hospital for the treatment of cystic fibrosis, a hereditary lung disease. Here the packages are used to wrap up the correct version of the gene, which is then sprayed into the noses of the patients. The first results show that the gene succeeds in finding its way into the cells lining the nose, which are very similar to those of the lung.

Another product that gives Dr Bangham much pleasure is ALEC — artificial lung-expanding compound — which last year won a licence in Britain for the treatment of acute respiratory distress in premature babies. Such babies are born without sufficient surfactant, the compound responsible for keeping the lungs inflated, and ALEC, marketed by Britannia Pharmaceuticals, repairs the deficiency.

When Dr Bangham retired in 1981, he wrote to 50 scientists in the field, asking them to contribute a letter, poem, or clerihew about liposomes, provided it was not libellous. He felt that too much scientific literature was banal, stereotyped, and platitudinous. The results were published as *Liposome Letters*, by Academic Press in 1984.

Here is a taste of one of them, by Gregory Gregoriadis: *"Little fatty vesicles of bilayer fame/ protean and elusive, fragile all the same ..."* Anybody who can inspire scientists to write poems richly deserves this week's celebration.

On the move



BROWNIAN motion hops in and out of scientific history as erratically as the process it describes. Robert Brown, a Scottish botanist, first noticed it in 1827 when observing pollen grains in water through a microscope. They seemed to be dancing about in a random way.

In 1905 Einstein, in his first important paper, showed that if the water consisted of molecules in random motion, then the movement of the pollen resulted from collisions between grains and water molecules. Now some physicists from Princeton have converted Brownian motion into a tiny machine, by creating an "optical thermal ratchet".

The Princeton system, invented by Albert Libchaber and colleagues, consists of a microscopic plastic sphere floating in water illuminated by an infrared laser beam which rotates rapidly, tracing a circle just seven micrometres in diameter. The beam induces a charge on the sphere, trapping it where the field is strongest, along the perimeter of the circle.

Now comes the clever bit. Libchaber passes the light through a "chopper" that modulates it, to create a series of jagged hills, like a ratchet, around the circular field. The ball runs up to the top of these hills, seeking the maximum field. By turning the chopper on and off, the sphere can be made to migrate round and round the circle. Ingenious, but is it useless? Maybe not. Some French researchers who have made a similar device believe that it might prove useful for separating mixtures of cells, viruses or chromosomes.

Round One



THE injury to the boxer Gerald McClellan has focused attention on what happens when a boxer's head is thumped by another boxer's fist. At Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, scientists are trying to find out, by attaching accelerometers to the helmets worn by amateur boxers. The tiny devices record head motions in three directions, storing the results on a computer memory card. Printed out, the record looks rather like a seismogram, showing peaks at the moments of impact when the fighter receives a blow to the head.

The next stage will be to give amateur boxers wearing the devices brain scans before and after bouts. "It will enable us to understand a lot about head injury because we are going to be recording cause and effect," said the device's designer, Dr Nick Jones.

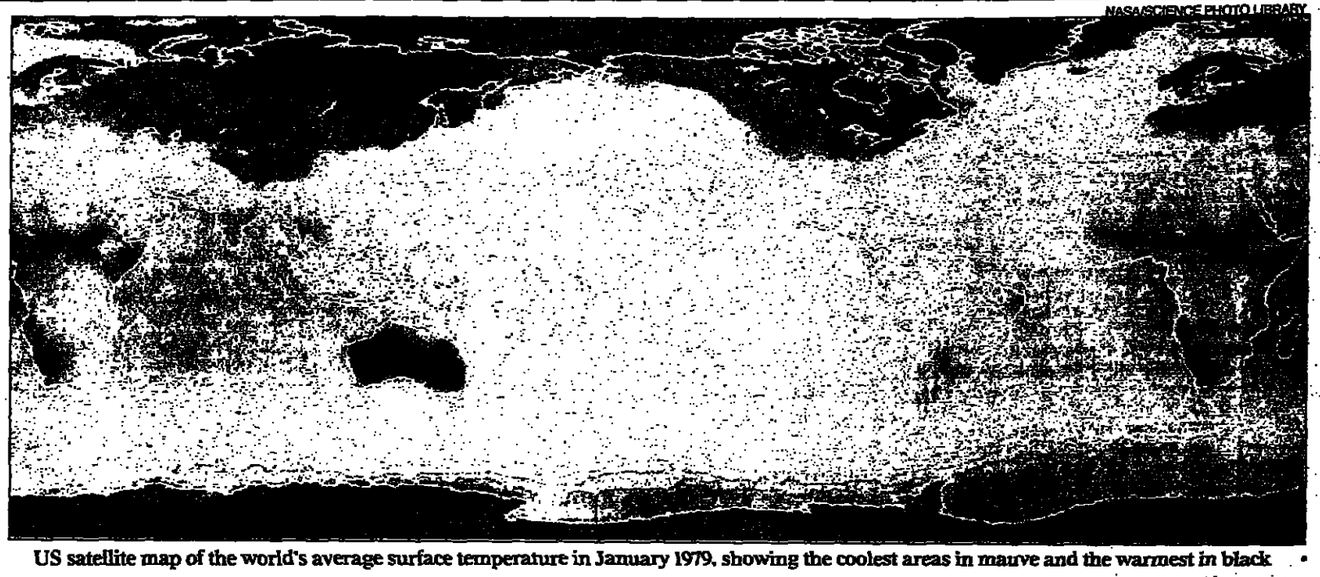
The group recently completed an eight-year study funded by the US Olympic Committee and the National Institutes of Health in which it looked at brain function of 484 amateur boxers between the ages of 13 and 21 in six American cities.

Tests showed no evidence that amateur boxing impairs the function of the brain, but the same does not, apparently, apply to fights in the professional ring. The group hopes that the accelerometer could lead to safety improvements there, too.

A climate of confusion

As scientists meet to discuss global warming, how reliable are their figures? **William Burroughs** reports

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US satellite map of the world's average surface temperature in January 1979, showing the coolest areas in mauve and the warmest in black

Central to the UN convention on climate change, which opens in Berlin today, are projections of global warming based on computer models of the greenhouse effect. But can we rely on the figures that have been fed into the programs? Measuring the temperature of the Earth's surface is immensely complicated and is still the subject of dispute.

Getting a balanced coverage of the whole of the planet is hard, especially in the southern hemisphere where there are huge areas of ocean which have never been subject to regular measurements. At the Meteorological Office Chris Folland and David Parker have built up the definitive record of sea-surface temperatures. Dating back to 1856, it consists of more than 70 million observations made on board ships. While there are many gaps in this record, it has been used to construct a reliable measure of global warming.

However, they have recently reanalysed the bias in the early observations which used canvas and wooden buckets to collect samples of seawater. This work has led to an upward revision of the temperatures between 1856 and 1940 of between one and four-tenths of a degree Celsius. Compared with an overall warming in the record of about half a degree, this correction is substantial.

On land, climatologists have gone to great lengths to ensure that the observed warming is, indeed, global and not a local effect of built-up areas. They are now satisifed that the Earth as a whole has warmed up by little over half a degree Celsius in the past 100 years.

This agreement would be reassuring, but for one snag — the measurements made from satellites. Ever since the early 1960s it has been recognised that if equipment on orbiting weather satellites could provide reliable measurements of surface temperatures, then this would be the best way of providing genuine global coverage.

The technique of measuring temperatures from satellites relies on the fact that the amount of sunlight absorbed in the Earth's atmosphere and at its surface, and the amount of heat radiated back into space, is in balance. Because the amount of heat radiated depends on the temperature of the atmosphere and surface beneath, it should be possible to obtain accurate observations of the Earth's temperature by measuring the amount of outgoing radiation for any part of the globe.

Weather satellites use sophisticated instruments to measure upwelling radiation. These sensitive devices, known as radiometers, scan the Earth's surface and detect the tiny amounts of energy radiated at different infra-red and microwave wavelengths.

Using infra-red radiometers, it is possible to make independent observations at four levels in the atmosphere below ten kilometres. Microwave radiometers are able only to sort out two levels, but have the huge advantage that they can see through clouds. Clouds are efficient emitters of infra-red radiation, and can play havoc with temperature measurements by infra-red radiometers.

Weather satellites have carried microwave radiometers since 1979. Using measurements made by these instruments, Roy Spencer, of the Nasa Marshall Space Flight Center, Alabama, and John Christy, of the University of Alabama, have produced a 15-year series for changes in the temperature of the lower atmosphere.

The intriguing feature of this work is that, unlike the ground-based observations, the satellite record shows no significant warming or cooling trend. So which results provide the best estimates of climatic change?

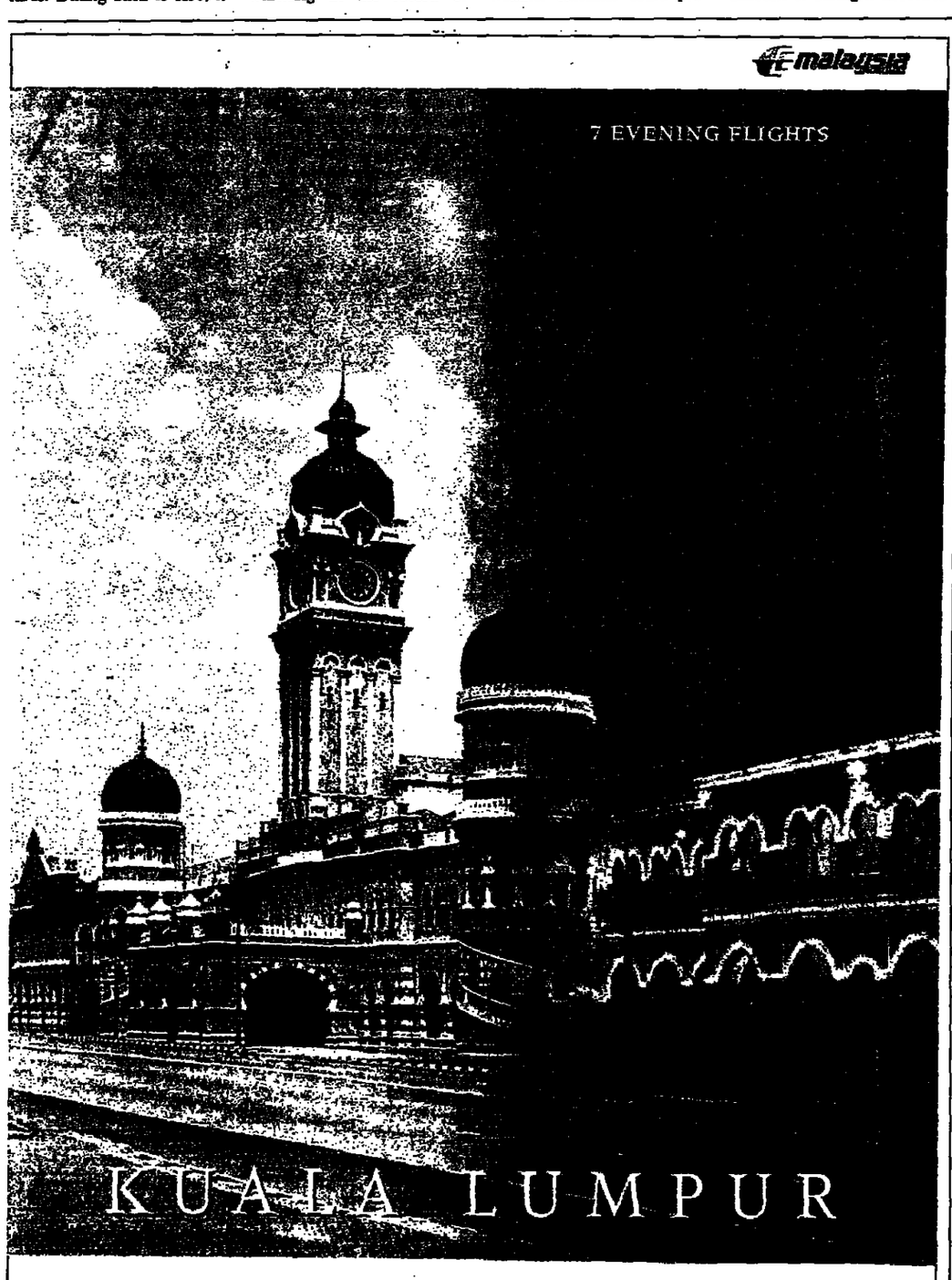
Doubts about the accuracy of the satellite work centre on subtle features concerning the timing of their orbits and possible drift in the calibration of their instruments. But where the measurements from space can be compared with ground-based readings, the agreement between the two sets of data is extremely high. These comparisons have been conducted over the United States, where there has been little evidence of warming of the climate during this century.

Are satellites and ground-based observations measuring the same thing? The satellite observations provide a measure of the temperature of the bottom slice of atmosphere centred on a level of about three kilometres (10,000ft). While day-to-day fluctuations at ground level will differ from what is happening throughout the lower atmosphere, in terms of measuring long-term trends the two sets of measurements should be compatible, though there may be a differences during the winter and early spring over Siberia and northern Canada. In these regions, intensely cold air collects close to the ground, while at higher levels the air is much warmer. If, however, the westerly winter winds in the northern hemisphere are stronger than normal, then the air gets stirred up more and the temperature near the ground rises.

An increase in westerly winds could be part of a climate response to the build up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, or it could be part of a natural fluctuation.

John Christy and Richard McNicker, at the University of Alabama, have examined the 15-year satellite record to find an explanation for the variations of as much as 0.6 degrees Celsius over periods of a few months to a few years. They find that more than two thirds of the variance can be attributed to major changes in the sea surface temperatures in the tropic Pacific. Much of the remaining changes can be linked to two substantial cooling events associated with the eruption of the volcano El Chichón in Mexico in 1982, and Mount Pinatubo in 1991.

When these effects are removed from the satellite temperature record most of the fluctuations are ironed out. What remains may be a better measure of how the atmosphere has reacted to the build-up of greenhouse gases and does show a slight warming. But this slow upward drift is only about a quarter of the figure predicted by the global climatic models which are now accepted as providing the best estimate of the impact of the build-up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. We urgently need to establish why the difference exists.



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Anjana Ahuja on a brain-teaser

Quantum theory by a whisker

The best-known character in the absurd world of quantum physics is Schrödinger's cat, created 60 years ago in a famous thought experiment. John Gribbin, a determinedly populist science writer more usually found on the pages of *New Scientist*, tackled this nameless and genderless feline in his 1984 book *In Search of Schrödinger's Cat*. Now he delves into the next generation of quantum theories in its sequel, *Schrödinger's Kittens and the Search for Reality*.

Gribbin describes the original experiment like this: a room contains a cat and a box. The box, which is divided into halves by a sliding partition, contains an electron. Therefore the electron must be in one half of the box or the other. Outside the box, a detector is wired up to a supply of poisonous gas. If the electron escapes, the gas will be released and the cat as dead as *Monty Python*'s parrot.

Suddenly, one half of the box flies open. There is a one in two chance that the electron will be released, and thus that the cat will be poisoned. Common sense tells us that either the cat gets it, or it doesn't. But, according to orthodox quantum theory, the cat is neither dead nor alive (or both?) until someone looks in the room.

This conundrum is developed further by bringing the kittens of the book's title to life. Imagine shunting these unfortunate animals into separate space capsules linked by a tube. The tube is partitioned as in the original experiment and contains one electron, and is linked to the usual lethal gas supply. The tube is suddenly severed and kittens A and B fly off to planets at opposite ends of the universe.

At the point of severance, one of the kittens will die. The capsules land and aliens peek at kitten A. As soon as the observation is made (the kitten is either dead or alive) the fate of kitten B is determined. This would require an instantaneous "signal" between planets. Einstein called the idea "spooky".

This book will appeal to all those who have attempted to understand the quantum universe but gave up. Gribbin's light and engaging style allows the quantum universe to remain delightfully absurd.

● Schrödinger's Kittens and the Search for Reality, *by John Gribbin, is published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson (£18.99).*

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In harmony with Irving

Valerie Grove *reports on a daughter's memories of the man who set an era to music*



Mary Ellin with her father, Irving Berlin, celebrating her 19th birthday in a nightclub. "I had the most fun life any child could have," she says

When Ellin Mackay, a fair and slender New York Catholic heiress, fell in love in 1924 with Irving Berlin, the short, dark immigrant Jewish songwriter, her parents were not pleased. They tried everything: gentle pressure, Grand Tours of Europe, debbish distractions. Ellin was not to be deflected. She smelt blossom when the trees were bare: she wasn't sick, she was just in love.

One morning in January 1926, having played poker with the Algonquin gang and lost, Berlin telephoned Mary: would she get married in the morning? She would. So Broadway married Old New York, the tabloids pursued the elopement with glee, and Ellin was disinherited of her $10 million fortune. But their marriage turned out a good one: "They were two against the world."

When their baby, Mary Ellin, arrived the next year, Berlin wrote *Blue Skies* for her. (Skies were not so blue a year later, when their baby son, Irving Jr, died on Christmas Day.) On Berlin's 40th birthday, in 1928, he wrote: "I hope I live long enough to buy Mary Ellin her first ice-cream cone." In fact he lived to be 101, and Mary Ellin Barrett has just written *Irving Berlin: A Daughter's Memoir*, about the century's most prolific songwriter and his legacy of love songs and tunes that still makes us want to face the music and dance.

Mrs Barrett lives on the Upper West Side, in a Parisian-style apartment with one of Irving Berlin's pianos in the hallway. Her New York resonates with memories of her childhood: Broadway, Tin Pan Alley, the Plaza Hotel, Lindy's, the songwriters' gathering-place; the East River, into which her father once fell, clutching the pennies he earned on his newspaper round, in the days when his family, newly arrived from Siberia, would put him out on the fire-escape to sleep when the nights were stiflingly hot.

She had a charmed childhood. Songwriting made her father fabulously wealthy, and even though he lost his fortune in the crash of 1929, her mother's trust fund saw them through and the post-Depression years saw a new flowering of light, lilting, easy songs: *Let's Have Another Cup of Coffee, Isn't This a Lovely Day, Cheek to Cheek*. They lived in Sutton Place, weekending in Montauk, Long Island; sometimes they went to Hollywood where the pale, ethereal Mrs Berlin could be privately scathing about showbiz people, although always polite and ladylike in public.

"My father, knowing what she was thinking, whom she was inwardly calling 'a fool', common or worse, was trying himself to do the politic thing, which was to get on with these people who held the power."

Although her parents' friends included Joan Crawford, Fred Astaire and Harpo Marx, Mary Ellin was kept away from the bright lights and encouraged to be an earnest schoolgirl. Typically, as a father brought up in poverty seeing his own children brought up in riches, Berlin "was very focused on my education. I had a responsibility to make something of myself and he was very very upset when I went through a difficult stage and my marks dropped in school."

"I had the most interesting, charming parents and the most fun life any child could have," Mary Ellin writes. But this made school friendships difficult: "My classmates set out to humble me." There was also the question of "social anti-Semitism" — skating and dancing clubs that did not accept the daughter of a Jew.

When embarking on her own career as a writer and journalist (she was *Cosmopolitan*'s book critic for years, and wrote three novels) Mary Ellin found it an encumbrance, however proud of him she was, to be always "Irving Berlin's daughter". And when, before she left college she became infatuated with a Catholic war hero, and married him against Berlin's wishes — subconsciously re-enacting her parents' disapproved-of romance, "although I knew full well that he was not like my father, or anything near it" — she was quickly divorced and became "Irving Berlin's Divorced Daughter".

> Berlin's legacy of love songs and tunes still makes us want to face the music and dance

Where did the Berlin genius come from? Mary Ellin cannot fathom it. "He had an extraordinary ear for music and for words, especially for the vernacular. And he arrived just at the beginning of the era of the popular song. There were influences like Scott Joplin and ragtime, Puccini and Verdi and the organ grinder. He was always patriotically grateful to America: when he wrote *God Bless America*, he meant every word."

Berlin found it hard when music changed dramatically with Dylan, the Beatles and the Stones, and he felt the public was no longer buying what he was selling. His last published hit was in 1968, by which time he was 80: songwriters like Simon and Garfunkel and Stephen Sondheim were writing a different kind of music.

He became prey to depression, and more and more reclusive. "But I understand that more as I'm working my way through my sixties," says Mary Ellin. "He would still have ideas for songs and lyrics and shows. But your energy diminishes, and God knows he was profligate with his energies. Even the songs that seemed so effortless were the result of long nocturnal struggles at the piano. He had a terrible time sleeping."

When Mary Ellin turned 60, her father said: "I wish I'd known at your age I was going to live so long. I'd have taken better care of myself." He outlived the copyrights on many of his own songs. "He was extremely aggravated when he was 98, in 1986, and *Alexander's Rag Time Band* went into the public domain: it was his theme song." Each year part of Mary Ellin's and her sisters' legacy slips from their grasp. In the year 2017 *White Christmas* will move into the public domain in America. And in 2002 Mary Ellin will have to say goodbye to her understandable favourite, *Blue Skies*.

The dark side of celebrity

And do stars not bleed?



LIBBY PURVES

EVERY trend has its backlash, every stone has an underside, usually crawling with unprepossessing insects. We briefly glimpsed this weekend the underside of one of our most infuriating modern cults, that of celebrity.

And no, this is not the usual whine about the press "building people up to knock them down". This is more sinister. It is the ultimate extension of a culture which treats certain human beings as stylised dolls: it is the birth of a belief that because showbiz people are "not like us" they don't have human feelings or rights, either.

And again, no: this is not another moan about invasion of showbiz privacy. It is far more serious. For a group of people have somehow persuaded themselves that if an individual is in showbusiness, it is therefore more excusable to get drunk, surround that person in the street in the dark, pull a sharp knife, demand money, grab their personal belongings, sneer and terrify and threaten. The thinking is that if you do this and get caught, then you are the real victim. You should be pitied because the publicity brought on by assaulting a celebrity has put you under "pressure".

This is, of course, the Elizabeth Hurley case. Three teenage girls were found guilty on Friday of the above mugging: they await sentence, and their families and supporters are outraged. Not at them, of course: at their victim. "Who does she think she is anyway?" asks one relative. "Just an actress. She put on a good show in the witness box." Mrs Guerrine, mother of the 18-year-old, spat: "Before this case, a lot of people did not know who Miss Hurley was. My daughter has made her famous, and this is a high price to pay."

The solicitor, Joanathan Cummins, asked whether he thought his clients were treated differently because a celebrity was involved, said: "It is difficult to avoid that conclusion." Ah, shame: let them go. They only menaced an *actress*, after all. Not a person. If only the girl who apparently knifed a security man in Cardiff on Friday — he is, as I write, in intensive care — had had the sense to stab an actor instead, she would have won herself more sympathy.

This attitude is worth noting because it is not rare. Certainly, some onlookers in the Hurley case will have been exaggeratedly partisan: people, especially kind-hearted elderly people, get sentimental. "Ah, she's a lovely-looking girl," they say. "Isn't that terrible! With her pretty face!"

A larger faction, though, will be echoing the sneers of the muggers' relatives. "Who does she thinks she is . . . pots of money, designer dresses, Hugh Grant . . . posh accent in the witness-box . . . setting herself up against those poor underclass kids. She could spare the money, for God's sake . . ."

One newspaper contrasted Miss Hurley's glittering future in Hollywood with the dead-end lives of these, admittedly pathetic, girl thugs, quoting the solicitor on their "unfortunate family circumstances". The clear implication, which will not be lost on the victim, is that she was grinding the faces of the poor simply by reporting the attack.

They forget that even an actress, even a model, is made of flesh, which shrinks in terror from the point of a knife held to her stomach. Even an actress can be inwardly disabled for a while by such a moment: made nervous of walking alone, mistrustful of humanity and unaccountably tearful.

When muggers don't get much money, they steal your dignity and confidence. It can be done quite easily, especially with a knife or gun: even to a star of the gossip columns and Oscar ceremonies. It is quite possible that the publicity itself gave her grief: Miss Hurley may, believe it or not, have hated appearing in that witness-box to face the hate in those dull young eyes.

But no, none of this will wash with the jeerers. "Who does she think she is . . . she ought to be glad of the publicity . . . my daughter made her famous." It is a nasty mind-set but, admit it, a recognisable one. And, indeed, after one *Hello!* profile too many, it can be rather tempting. But if we sincerely want to stay human, we have to remember that even icons breathe and bleed.

Joanna Pitman recalls an extraordinary meeting in Tokyo

A god who eats napkins

One day in late April four years ago, I climbed the stairs of a shoddy concrete apartment block in an undistinguished Tokyo suburb to meet Shoko Asahara, the leader of the Aum Shinrikyo sect which is suspected of having planted the poison gas that killed ten people on the Tokyo subway a week ago.

Asahara was engaged in his daily afternoon chore of being worshipped by the faithful. As he sat in state on a giant pink pouf, greeting disciples and visitors while the queue snaked slowly forward, I suddenly realised why his right leg was extended before him on a velvet stool. Each worshipper, as he or she approached the master, knelt down to kiss a proffered big toe.

I decided to stick to the rather more congenial and traditional method of Japanese greeting, and hastily dug out a business card.

Asahara is the leader of an eight-year-old religious sect loosely linked to Buddhism. It claims 10,000 followers have pledged their devotion to the guru by drinking, at an initiation ceremony, a small amount of what they are told is his blood and by placing all their wordly assets in his spiritual care — and temporal bank account.

Enthroned on his capacious cushion, the master nodded slowly as the faithful bestowed their puckered greetings one by one on the toe. His long lank hair and beard were piled up on an ample stomach, swathed in voluminous pink satin. He gave the impression of a well-fed bulldog.

"Welcome to the heavenly light of Aum Shinrikyo. I feel yours are positive waves," he intoned when I reached the front of the queue. It was a short interview, as Asahara switched back into his trance as soon as he discovered my journalistic intentions.

One of his disciples drew me aside, a limp and callow young man dressed in white satin, who told me that the master was going blind. He had apparently over exerted himself practising the austerities he preaches to his flock. Celestial voices had advised him to take plenty of rest.



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Shoko Asahara: his sect is suspected of mass murder

But Asahara, it is said, has performed miracles in his time. Another disciple, 27-year-old Mahamaya, was ushered forward to explain. "The master has performed many enlightened acts. For example, he sat in a tank of water submerged without air for over 12 hours. Of course, he survived because he has mystic powers. We're training eventually to be able to do that too." Just why she wanted to, she would not say.

Mahamaya, who discarded her name along with all her worldly possessions when she joined, used to work in the personnel department of a chemical company. She became a disciple when she heard of the movement from a friend who claimed to have found "peace and a spiritual heaven". Her husband and two daughters, aged four and 18 months, had also joined the ranks of the faithful.

Her children were going through an early induction course in meditation. The four-year-old sat in a trance beside her mother, listening to New Age music on a Sony Walkman. One day she, too, wants to be able to perform levitation, like the guru.

And one day she might learn how to imitate his cotton-eating talents. A photograph in the meditation room showed Asahara apparently swallowing length after length of white fabric. According to Aum, his record stood at four metres.

One of the spiritually enlightening feats of asceticism he preaches is the suppression of the appetite. Taken to a restaurant, the master has been much admired for his ability to eschew the temptations of food altogether, but to make a good job of the tablecloth and napkins.

Asahara appeared on that day more comical than charismatic or malign, yet his power was evident in the utter docility of his followers.

The adult faithful I met that day were all intelligent Japanese in their twenties and thirties, apparently happy to be exiled from society — literally so, for they are permitted only rare and controlled excursions into the real world. Many had a dreamy quality, recognisable in those who have lost the ability or the will to think for themselves.

"New religions" such as this are legion in Japan, all of them remarkable for the enormous wealth they seem to have no difficulty in amassing and for the utter simplicity of their religious doctrines. This is because their initial attraction and function is social, providing havens for those who crave intensive group involvement but are not members of large corporations, families or other groups that bestow social acceptability. Asahara's devotees probably have no idea they are social pariahs, for the master will have stepped up his teachings that it is the outside world that is evil, and only he, the living god, is good and right.

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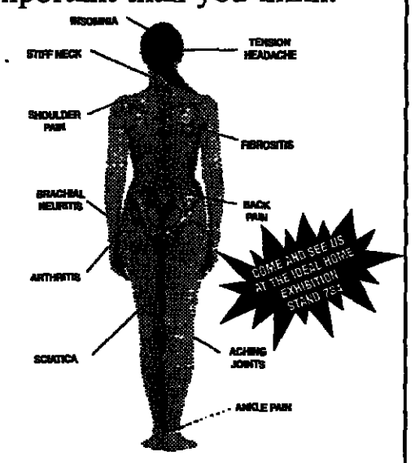
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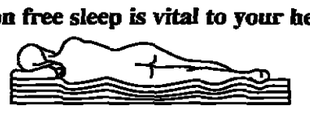
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■ If you learn to listen carefully enough, you can hear the sound of life passing

In the dead of night last week, I awoke suddenly and for no reason. I have been working perhaps a little too hard and sleeping fitfully. It was pitch dark and I was wide awake: two hours still before dawn.

Annoying, because sleep is precious. I was thirsty. You know where everything is in your own flat, so without switching on the light, I padded gingerly to the bathroom, filled a cup with water, and sat on the edge of the bath to drink. Sleep fell away.

Blind people don't miss much. The immediacy of vision crowds out components of our perception which are more important. When the light comes on, an invisible monitor turns down the volume of our other senses; but sound, touch, and smell go very deep, and we think best with our eyes shut. Sit in the dark for a while and the deeper elements of our sentience begin to swell.

I did so, on the edge of the bath. I became aware of new noises, as though someone was turning up all the sound knobs. All at once I could hear the faint, low, continuous rumble of London in the night: the blurring of a million distant noises: factories, trains, and cars. Now I could hear the very slightest of hums from my stereo in the sitting room: I must have left it on stand-by.

The compressor working in my fridge was just audible from the kitchen, and so — amazingly — was the gentle, unfocused tick-tick of the quartz kitchen clock. From outside I could hear the Thames at high tide, whispering on the wall beneath.

And I could hear what you might call the central nervous system of my apartment block: a swish of water in the pipes, an electrical singing in the wires, the whir of the central-heating pump upstairs, and a creak here and there as small temperature changes triggered tiny movements in the building's structure. Every sound, every growl, every little murmur, spoke (as Hardy put it) to my intelligence.

I swallowed a gulp of water. Loud within my head was the swish of the liquid, the pop and crackle as the air passage to the inner ear temporarily closed, and the sound of moving muscles in my throat. Turning my head, I heard two sharp cracks in the vertebrae, and a low grinding as the head moved. My stomach rumbled as the water went down. Breathing, I listened to each breath: the air supply whistling up and down.

I replaced the cup. Ever since smashing my right elbow when I was six, that joint, when flexed, has made a muffled wrenching sound. Usually, it can't be heard; now it seemed loud. "It must have been doing this all day, every day, for the past 39 years," I thought. I flexed both elbows and felt, beneath the scars on my right elbow, the minimal, usually unnoticeable resistance as compared with the left. The scars seemed to rise to my fingers, impostors on the skin, silky to the touch.

Running my fingertips up towards my shoulders, I could feel the beginnings of a flabbiness around the top of the arms, such as comes with middle age; and that slight paperiness of the skin. I swung one knee, then the other, and listened to the barely audible grinding in both joints. All those marathons I have run, all those thousands of miles of training, and never a failure in either delicate, complicated joint!

I sat absolutely still in the blackness. All at once I was aware of a sound louder than these others. It had been there all along, but I had not focused upon it. It was a singing in my head: that weird, discordant electrical noise as of transformers in a substation or a high-voltage overhead power cable. White noise.

> As well as the flat's, I could hear my own central nervous system at work

As I concentrated, it seemed to swell, to become almost deafening, yet I knew there was no change in the volume, just an uncharacteristic tuning in to a perception we usually screen out, but which is always with us. I was eavesdropping, as it were, on my own central nervous system, my own heating, my ventilation and power supply.

I was listening to the white noises generated by my own electronics. And now I could hear my blood, too, coursing through the artery near each ear. I could hear my heart, strong and regular: each smooth, powerful pulse followed by a gush past the ears.

What a piece of work is a man. I would have rejected the design outright. I would have called for something solid and straightforward to fix. "Too clever by half," I would have said. "All of that 'black box' technology, that super-sophisticated electronics, those eggshell-delicate parts. Sacrifice sophistication. Design me something durable, robust."

Yet the machine sitting on that bath's edge was both. Man is an almost miraculous combination of fragility with resilience. It doesn't bear thinking about. "You better not look down, or you might not keep on flying," B.B. King used to sing.

It seems to me that human viability is an impossibility sustained by inattention. We must not eavesdrop on those noises too often or for too long. That singing in the wires should stay, mostly, a secret. I switched on the light and it fled.

Not every EU state would be in a single currency, and the resulting tension would be destructive

Two Europes, with different needs

William Rees-Mogg

The European single currency is an explosive issue. It has already split the Conservative Party, even given a Prime Minister who is deeply sceptical about it. It will almost certainly split the Labour Party if it is in power when the decisions have to be made. Worse than that — save from the point of view of extreme Euro-sceptics — it could easily fracture the European Union itself. It could split the European atom.

The best expectation is that the time of decision will not come until 1999. The main commitments were made in the Maastricht treaty of 1991. Britain negotiated an opt-out, but also negotiated a role in the planning process, so we are still involved in shaping a single currency we may never join. There are only minor decisions to be taken at next year's inter-governmental conference: European foreign and defence policy and future powers of the European Parliament look as though they will be the contentious issues.

The first possible date for a single currency would be 1997, but there is no practical chance of that target being met. If there ever is a single currency — and the proposal has proved an impossibility before — it will come at the last date in the Maastricht timetable, which is 1999. There is no chance that all 15 countries of the European Union will be able to join a single currency, even at that point. Perhaps only Germany, Britain and Luxembourg would be able by then to meet the full convergence requirements, although some other countries might be close enough.

However, there is a real possibility that a single currency will then be introduced by an inner core of European countries, under German leadership. That single currency would be based on the mark, and the core countries would certainly include The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria. The group would probably include France if Edouard Balladur were elected president. Jacques Chirac is also committed to a single currency in 1999, but he has committed himself to a number of other and incompatible policies as well. His policy may be preferable to Balladur's because it is much less credible. Belgium is very far from meeting the financial requirements, and would be a burden on the single currency. Yet the Belgian economy is relatively small, and the core group might choose to carry the Belgians.

Whether Britain joined this single currency group could well depend on the result of the next general election. If the Conservatives win it, Britain will not join a single currency in the next parliament. John Major is known to be opposed to doing so, though he has kept his European negotiating position open. The majority of the parliamentary party is against it. Unfortunately, the Conservatives are not likely to be in a position to decide the matter.

The Labour Party has formally adopted a policy in favour of joining, if the industrial and economic conditions are right. Tony Blair does therefore lean towards joining, but he also leans towards a referendum. At present, British public opinion seems to be more sceptical than the Labour Party's policy, so a referendum would probably keep Britain out. There is also the traditional Labour concern about high unemployment, and a single currency would probably lead to more people losing their jobs.

Other European countries might wish to join because their own currencies have been so untrustworthy. They might see a single currency as a way of restoring financial discipline, stabilising their currencies and reducing their interest rates. However, their economic performance would in some cases be far too remote from the convergence criteria agreed at Maastricht. Germany has every reason to police these criteria. A single currency would be acceptable to the German people only if it were almost as good as the mark and almost as much under the control of the Bundesbank. To bring in the Mediterranean group of Greece, Italy and Spain would load the new currency with their commitments. Germany would find it hard to carry them. The core itself is likely to be a group of six countries, with one or two small neighbouring states, such as Denmark, as possible additions.

The economic consequences could be damaging both for the single-currency core and for the independent-currencies rim. The rim countries might find that their currencies had been labelled failures, as second or third class. This would mean that the currencies would tend to be undervalued, with above average interest rates and a drift to inflation. There is already the problem of the lira in comparison with the mark, and it would probably be worse in comparison to the ecu. Chronic weakness of their currencies would be the price the rim countries would have to pay. Though their industry would benefit from the competitiveness of low costs, unemployment might be high.

The core currency would be highly valued, and would become a substantial reserve currency for the world, tending to rise against the dollar and probably to hold steady against the yen. In terms of purchasing power parity, the core of Europe would not be competitive with the United States. The core countries would suffer the traditional disadvantages of an overvalued reserve currency, as Britain did in the 1920s and again in the 1950s. Germany is already the highest cost industrial country in the world, losing jobs to many competitors, including Britain. Jobs would be lost in all the core countries. France would probably suffer the highest structural unemployment; French unemployment is already around 12 per cent, and might be expected to rise to 15 per cent or even higher. The single currency could destroy the French economy.

This Europe, with a single-currency core and a multi-currency rim, would therefore be a region with deflation built into the core and inflation built into the rim. Could two such groups hold together? Each group would have its own problems, but they would be the opposite of each other. The core would resent cheap imports coming from the rim, adding to unemployment. The rim countries would resent the danger to their currencies of the single currency, which would so obviously be preferred by foreign funds. This conflict of interest would produce hostility.

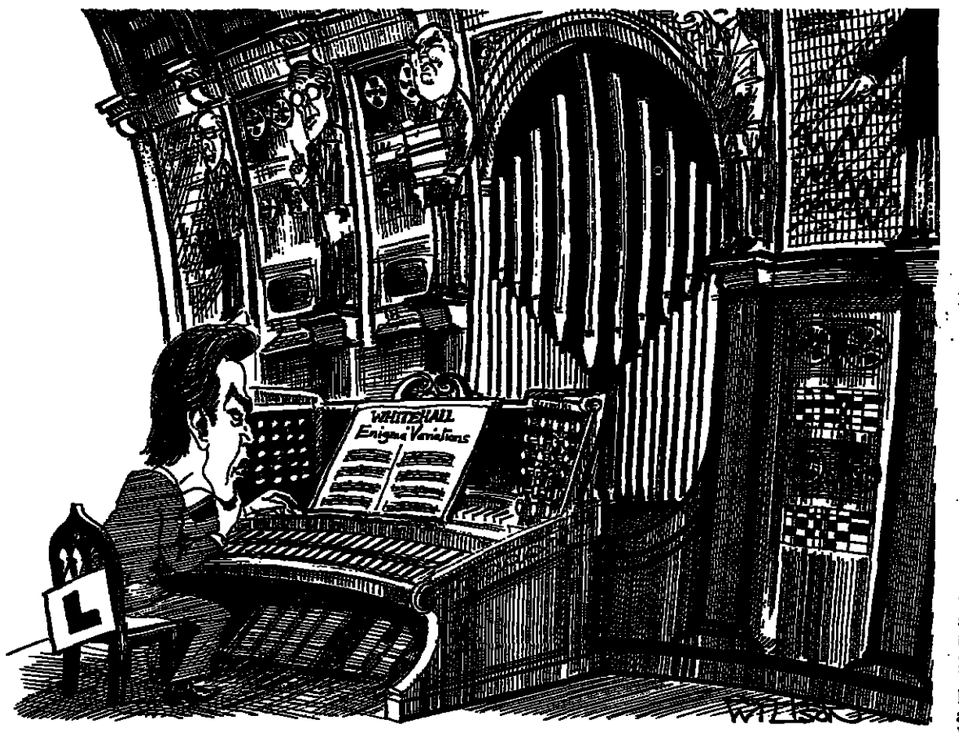
There would inevitably be a political reaction. The British might not resent the single currency if they had chosen not to join, but Italy and Spain would certainly resent a group from which they had been deliberately excluded. This would, in the considered view of the British Government, fundamentally change the whole nature of the European Union. It would break the central ethos of Europe, which has been one of broad unity in development.

The Mexican example is a sobering one, as is that of the European exchange-rate mechanism. Mexico has much better financial figures than Italy, yet the attempt to fix the peso to the dollar has nearly bankrupted Mexico and also — a much better-kept secret — nearly bankrupted several major US banks, which were as much overexposed to Mexican debt as Barings was to Tokyo derivatives.

If Germany were to try to shoulder the whole burden of the finances of the 15, the new currency would be overcommitted and underpowered, a dangerous cause of instability. If Germany becomes impatient and creates a single currency for the German and French-speaking nations, it will impoverish and disunite Europe. The British Government's fears are fully justified, but it is hard to get through the excitement of Euro-rhetoric to a recognition of the true dangers. And even that leaves out of the count the great political difficulty that Europe cannot have a single money without having a single budget as well.

Innocence and experience

Peter Riddell says Tony Blair's fresh-faced team still has much preparation to do



Winning the election is only a beginning. "Where do you want to start, Minister?' said Andrew. Where indeed?" So wrote Barbara Castle about her first meeting in October 1964 with Sir Andrew Cohen, her Permanent Secretary at Overseas Development. That question is not being asked enough now. A strategy for government is as important as a campaign plan to win power, as Bill Clinton has discovered to his cost over the past two years.

Tony Blair knows that his party is not yet ready for office. That is the main reason why last week he unexpectedly put his party on a pre-election war footing. This had less to do with the slim chance of an election before autumn 1996 than with the need to prevent Labour being complacent and to bind together his own prickly chief lieutenants, John Prescott, Gordon Brown and Robin Cook, by giving them new overseeing roles.

Labour has a lot to do. This does not just mean producing policies. In that respect, an incoming Blair team would be better prepared than Labour was in 1964 or 1974. In 1963-64, Harold Wilson highlighted general themes such as industrial modernisation and a few eye-catching policies such as the Open University. But much of the rest was back-of-an-envelope. Richard Crossman noted in his diaries that about a central Labour pledge, on rent controls, there was only "one slim series of notes in the files". In 1974, few in the leadership expected Labour to win, and the years in opposition had been dominated by internal party rows and the first stirrings of Bennism, with a party statement on public ownership of the 25 largest companies being openly rejected by Wilson.

The preparations are more thorough now. Following the approval of the new Clause Four at the end of April there will be a deluge of proposals. There are tricky issues about targeting of benefits, balancing commitments to Scottish devolution with the interests of England, and the future of grant-maintained schools and hospital trusts. As the MORI poll in *The Times* last Friday showed, most people still think a Labour government would raise income tax. The middle classes, in particular, remain worried about whether Labour would keep its promises.

As important is whether Labour has any idea of what power involves, of how to deal with inevitable shocks and sterling crises. Even in 1964, after 13 years in opposition, three-fifths of Wilson's Cabinet at least had served in the Attlee Government. But this time nearly half the top leadership team, including the leader and the Shadow Chancellor, were not even MPs when Labour was last in power. Just six out of the top 20 held even junior office, and in most cases it was on the periphery, although Jack Cunningham had a spell in Downing Street as James Callaghan's parliamentary private secretary. Of those who were not MPs, Jack Straw does at least understand how Whitehall works, having served as special adviser to Barbara Castle and to Peter Shore.

The Shadow Cabinet is very patchy, the product of annual elections based on popularity and faction as much as ability. As one experienced party leader puts it, "apart from Tony, who understands about power, most of the other people don't know what's going to hit them". Some should adapt quickly, but there are obvious weak links, including some former junior ministers. It is hard to see Ron Davies or Joan Lestor surviving long at the top. Under Labour rules, Mr Blair should pick his first Cabinet from the previous Shadow Cabinet. But he may bend this at the margin, and then follow Wilson's example from 1964-66, when half a dozen failures were dropped within two years. Labour has talent in its middle ranks. But inexperience is apparent in a naivety about what can be achieved in practice — for instance, about how much parliamentary time the proposed constitutional reforms would take — as well as in an unfamiliarity with how Whitehall works. The existence of select committees may have ameliorated that. Labour is also less suspicious of Whitehall than it was. There would also be initial goodwill from many civil servants.

But a limited amount can be done in advance. Thanks to an agreement between Neil Kinnock, John Major and Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, after the 1992 election, formal contacts between shadow spokesmen and permanent secretaries can start from January next year — whereas previously it began only six months before the final date for the end of the parliament. However, a good deal of informal contact is already under way. Academic commentators such as Peter Hennessy and former permanent secretaries such as Sir Peter Kemp believe that preparations now are a priority for Mr Blair. Mr Straw has suggested induction courses for ministers.

Mr Blair knows he has to address these issues, though he has not done so yet. He is rightly wary of Wilsonian tinkering with the machinery of government. The idea of turning the Lord Chancellor's Department into a Ministry of Justice will be dropped, and the proposal for a Ministry for Women will turn into a Minister for Women. Beyond that, Mr Blair has to decide what he will do with the Prime Minister's Office, the role of the Policy Unit and of special advisers.

Mr Prescott said in an interview on Saturday that what concerns Labour now is not winning a first election, of which he is confident, but winning the second election: "how do we successfully implement what we promise?" That is not just being realistic about promises, important though that is. It is also about knowing how to use power. It is no good saying it will be all right on the night. Unless Labour thinks now about its legislative priorities, and about how it would tackle a crisis in the financial markets, a Blair government could be knocked off course, as its predecessors were in the 1960s and 1970s.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Kurt reception

BARONESS THATCHER is shortly to be seen in some rather controversial company. She is to head a battalion of former world leaders on a new foray into the Gulf, which includes the disgraced former Secretary-General of the UN, Kurt Waldheim — who is *persona non grata* in the United States.

The former President of Austria became an international pariah over allegations about his record in the Second World War. But he will be one of a clutch of ex-leaders helping to draw up a blueprint for the economic future of the Middle East. His presence is not likely to go down well with the Israelis, towards whom Thatcher has long been friendly.

The group, which will convene for the Gulf Economic Forum in Bahrain, will also include F.W. de Klerk, now one of Nelson Mandela's deputies. The wiseheads have been asked to present a "new agenda for finance in the Middle East" to the region's government and business leaders.

The content of Lady Thatcher's address is not being revealed until she speaks to the delegates, but it is understood that she will focus on privatisation in the Gulf, and put political, economic and financial prospects in a global context.

"We have a very positive relationship with Lady Thatcher through the governments over here," says Ken Jamieson, the forum's general manager. "She is very busy but this seems to have been something she wanted to take part in."



THE TIMES DIARY

● *Tony Blair was dining at Lincoln's Inn last week when a female barrister leaned forward across the table and asked if anyone had ever mentioned that he had a look of the film star Kevin Costner about him. "I wish I did look like him," replied Blair. "Then I would definitely have no problem winning the next election."*

Cheers, mate

THE BARMY ARMY — the high-spirited cheerleaders for the England cricket team during the Ashes series this winter — are seeking to make themselves official. They achieved an ambivalent cult status in Australia with their incessant chanting and ribbing of opposition supporters, but not everyone back home approves of such boisterousness.

Now they are planning to issue membership cards and to organise a trip to South Africa when England tour next winter. And for this summer's visit by the West Indies they are looking for sponsorship on T-shirts and caps, which they are negotiating to sell in shops.

"We would like to be able to put something back into the game, perhaps by paying for coaching for youngsters," says David Peacock, one of their noisy number. "We are looking for sponsorship, but probably not from a brewery if kids are going to be wearing them. We want to dissociate ourselves from any idea of cricket hooligans."

Beak careful

NORMAN LAMONT is getting a little twitchy. His recent letter on the page opposite, saying that he had identified a flock of exotic birds in Richmond Park as rose-ringed parakeets, seems to have won the passionate birdwatcher a whole new group of fans — which leaves him a touch uneasy.

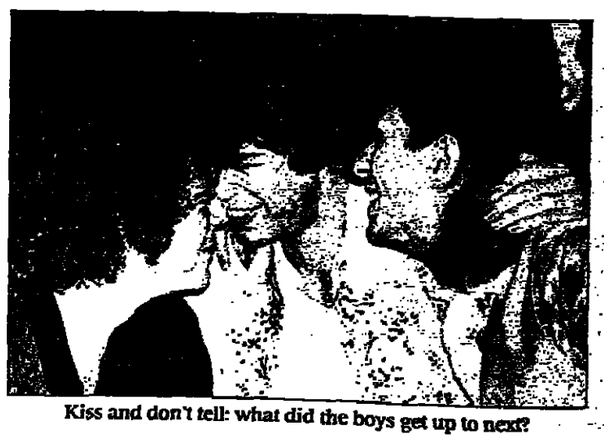
"I even had one woman writing to me because she was doing some research and wanted to know if there had been parakeets at Nonsuch Palace in the 16th century," he tells me. "I am not an expert on parakeets, and I am certainly not an expert on parakeets in the 16th century. It's faintly ridiculous."

● *As exquisite smells delighted guests at the opening of "Heavenly Scent", an exhibition at the Royal College of Art chronicling the history of perfume, the college Rector, Professor Anthony Jones, was worried that the next event might not be quite so fragrant. "It's the students' degree show next. I just hope the beautiful smell lingers."*

A cute accent

GORDON KAYE, whose ludicrous French accent in the TV series *'Allo 'Allo* secured him a place in the annals of TV comedy history, is wrestling to perfect a similarly accomplished American twang.

He is rehearsing *Harvey* at the Shaftesbury Theatre, playing the role made famous on celluloid by James Stewart, of a man whose best friend is an invisible 6ft rabbit. He is being advised on his accent by an American actress. "The play will probably be described as six characters in search of an accent," he jokes. "There's not that much difference, I'm told, between a Yorkshire accent and an American one. But I did ten years with the worst French accent in the world, so I'm sure I can survive six months with the worst American one."



Kiss and don't tell: what did the boys get up to next?

Shutters down

MICK ROCK, the appropriately named photographer of luminaries of the world of rock'n'roll, touched tantalisingly on the subject of what *isn't* revealed in his new book *Mick Rock: A Photographic Record 1969-1980*, launched at a London gallery last week.

"Oh, that's just boys kissing," he explained cheerfully of a picture of those ageing wild things Mick Jagger, Lou Reed and David Bowie canoodling at a party at the Dorchester. "I can't possibly tell you how the evening deteriorated after that. The people I photograph like me because I don't publish the more revealing shots."

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JEUX SANS FRONTIERES

Britain is right to remain outside the new Schengenland

Over the weekend most of continental Europe became, at least in theory, a single immigration zone. Tourists and businessmen, immigrants and smugglers are now obliged to show their passports only once when entering any of the seven European Union countries that have abolished internal frontier formalities.

The seven signatories to the Schengen agreement have taken far longer than they expected to realise this Utopian dream. Computer breakdowns, airport layouts and police objections held up the implementation month after month. Even now, with the agreement in force, key countries such as France have got cold feet and are doing their best to plug the huge hole they now believe has been driven through their tight immigration and drug controls. Britain, from the start, said the plan was ill-advised, ill-conceived and ill-suited to an island. Border controls for this country will remain in force.

There is nothing wrong with the wish to make travel simpler. For years, police have been waving motorists through Europe's land frontiers, stopping the occasional tourist only if something seemed amiss. Customs posts are nowadays deserted, and on motorways between Belgium and The Netherlands only the different street furniture gives drivers any clue that they have crossed a frontier.

Integrationists, however, were determined to take this logic to its conclusion: if Europe was to be a single market, the movement of people must be as easy as between states in America or cantons in Switzerland. Not only must all checkpoints go, but not even a vestige of control or symbol of state authority must remain. They argued that borders were no deterrent to drug smugglers or illegal immigrants; those determined to slip across had only to sneak through the fields a hundred yards farther down the road.

None of this logic applies to an island. Anyone looking at a map of Britain would have no second thought on where to place the borders. The sea is still a greater deterrent to unauthorised entry than any number of bureaucrats. Britain has long implemented a common passport regime for European Community — and now European Economic Area — nationals; it has set up a blue, customs-free channel; and it has redesigned ferry ports to speed up transit. To maintain that the need to show a passport is a barrier to free movement is absurd. The need to carry an identity card at all times in most continental states constitutes a far greater inconvenience and limitation of personal freedom.

However visionary the dream, implementation of Schengen has become a nightmare. Police in some countries are now preparing to patrol an invisible frontier ten miles back from the border, stopping motorists at random for spot checks. A massive computer in Strasbourg is to keep track of all persons wanted in any of the seven countries, even for parking offences, bringing nearer the Big Brother state. Few officials can say how it will still be possible to book luggage through to a second destination inside Schengenland for passengers, such as the British, coming from outside the common external frontier, who must now clear immigration at the airport where they first land. And how are the costs for the main receiving airports to be divided?

If Britain were inside the new zone, Heathrow, the busiest international gateway in the world, would have to process all visas and police checks for passengers travelling via London to Lisbon, Nice or Stuttgart — a massive imposition. Seen from Belgium or Luxembourg, the abolition of borders that have no historical or geographical permanence makes sense; seen from London, such a step would be madness.

THE POWER OF PRIVATISATION

Falling electricity prices show that private ownership works

Last week's announcement of a new investigation into electricity pricing is obviously good news for Britain's power users. But, in the long run, it should also be welcome for the shareholders who will initially bear the brunt of the review. If Stephen Littlechild, head of the Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer), is radical enough in cutting prices, he could go a long way towards restoring public faith in the privatisation process, recently undermined by the rows over boardroom pay. And judging by this morning's new allegations about overcharging by water companies, his action could set a useful precedent for reopening the water pricing regime.

In monopoly utilities such as electricity and water, a regulator is needed to protect consumer interests. But if the regulator immediately confiscates all the benefits of efficiency through lower prices, management will soon become as sleepy as it was in the public sector. This dilemma has been addressed in Britain by setting prices for each industry several years in advance and then revising the formula after five years.

This system worked well enough in the two earliest and most popular privatisations — telephones and gas. But with electricity it ran into trouble, largely because Professor Littlechild grossly underestimated the savings that privatisation could yield. As a result, the electricity distributors' profits, dividends and shares (to say nothing of their managers' salaries) all rose extremely rapidly after privatisation.

They shot up again last August after Offer announced its new, supposedly tougher, price limits — and took off into the stratosphere this winter, when Trafalgar House announced a hostile takeover bid for Northern Electric. Northern's directors responded by suddenly discovering £500 million in surplus cash which they could distribute to shareholders in special dividends — potential profits which Offer had apparently not noticed before. Suddenly, the laxity of Offer's price controls was clear for all to see. Professor Littlechild, who seemed more surprised than anyone by the enormous untapped resources revealed in the Northern bid, had no choice but to admit his error and reconsider prices for 1996-2000.

The big cuts in electricity prices that are now clearly justified will be unpopular in the industry, but there are several consolations for shareholders and managers in this affair. First, clear evidence that consumers are getting a fair deal out of the present structure of regulation should help to ward off further attacks on privatisation and windfall profits taxes under a Labour government. Secondly, the way that Trafalgar's takeover bid drew attention to Northern's excessive profits does credit to the operation of a free capital market. If hostile takeover bids for utilities had been forbidden, then Professor Littlechild would have remained in the dark about Northern's true profit potential and consumers would be paying higher prices for five years.

Finally, the whole episode underlines the enormous efficiencies that privatisation has achieved. All estimates of the possible benefits from putting utilities into private ownership have been dramatically exceeded — and the savings go on and on. What this experience illustrates is that privatisation, overseen by a pragmatic regulator, has succeeded beyond anyone's wildest dreams.

THE BRITISH HAVE COME

The Oscars show that British films have a worldwide market

If there were an Oscar for most embarrassing prediction, Colin Welland would have walked off with it in 1981 when he assured Hollywood that "The British are coming!" The British came, poked their head round the door and promptly disappeared. Since then, enough obituaries have been written for the British film industry to fill this newspaper many times over. So it is with some trepidation that we welcome Britain's 18 Oscar nominations for tonight's awards.

The British film industry, if some of its most vociferous spokesmen are to be believed, has gone through as many deaths and rebirths as the Buddha. Actually, there have simply been good years and bad years. Since the movie industry began, Britain has always produced a fine sprinkling of good actors, generally cast by Hollywood in supporting roles, and of good directors. In the less glamorous skills, such as cinematography and make-up, Britons have continually excelled.

Sometimes their work has been financed at home, sometimes abroad. These days film finance knows no boundaries, and it is foolish to try to define the British film industry simply by the nationality of its backers. If a screenwriter or director or actor emigrates to Hollywood — as many of the good ones do — they remain useful ambassadors for Britain. Talent needs to follow money, and the money, inevitably, is in Los Angeles. But this is nothing new: since it was set up by European immigrants, Hollywood has always raided Europe for talent. The more British people are accepted and trusted by Hollywood, the easier it will be to raise money for British movies.

It is the distinctiveness of today's crop of British films that is so encouraging. Neither *The Madness of King George* nor *Tom and Viv*, nor even *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, needed to dilute their quintessential Britishness to appeal to an American audience. Britain is never going to compete with Hollywood on *Jurassic Park* territory, so it may as well specialise in its strengths. These do not have to be restricted to Merchant Ivory-style period costume drama, though that niche is peculiarly well suited to the British. *Four Weddings* has shown that a comedy of manners can cross the Atlantic just as successfully.

These films also prove that massive Hollywood budgets are not necessary for box-office success. *Four Weddings* cost under $7 million to make, but has already grossed more than $200 million worldwide. Hollywood blockbusters usually rely on state-of-the-art special effects and top-billing actors, both of which come extremely expensive. Wit, however, which is what made *Four Wedding* such a hit, is a cheaper commodity and a national strength.

Nobody expects Britain to walk off with 18 Oscars tonight. The films may all turn out to be also-rans. But what really matters in Hollywood are box-office takings. Tonight's films have proved that there is a worldwide market for good British productions. Money talks, and Hollywood is listening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Role of aid agencies in helping to rebuild Rwanda

From the Director General of Save the Children

Sir, Your excellent leader, "To rebuild Rwanda" (March 23), accurately explained the shortcomings of emergency relief in tackling a complex political crisis. Its conclusion, that the priority should now be material and technical assistance within Rwanda, together with concerted action against the architects of genocide, cannot be faulted. One would only add that food supplies to the refugees must be kept up while the obstacles to return are being removed.

Your analysis is in stark contrast to the crude backlash against overseas aid by critics, particularly in the US but also in Europe. Such critics have been quick to seize on failed aid strategies or peacekeeping interventions to diminish the whole concept of assistance to the poorest countries, rather than to examine the lessons and learn from experience.

In tackling the highly complex humanitarian emergencies which characterise the current era, aid alone is not enough. There must be an "aid plus" policy, which matches immediate humanitarian assistance with a longer-term development strategy, and which parallels humanitarianism with a commitment to political action on the underlying issues. For the foreseeable future, forms of aid including emergency relief, basic technical development and economic assistance will continue to be a necessity for many of the poorest countries.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
Director General, Save the Children,
17 Grove Lane, SE5.
March 24.

From the Secretary to HM Kigeli V of Rwanda

Sir, His Majesty King Kigeli V of Rwanda read your editorial with great interest. It rightly contends that aid money flowing into the refugee camps of Zaire has done little more than serve to buttress the perpetrators of genocide. It allows the murderers of thousands virtually to hold the refugees hostage and leaves the legitimate, broadly based Government in Kigali devoid of resources to rebuild the riven country.

On September 13 last year, in Vancouver, in a speech to the Canadian Red Cross, His Majesty said: "The international community is providing humanitarian relief to those the former Government has misled into thinking they must flee into fetid camps in Zaire or risk indiscriminate retaliation. The innocent are thus being used as a shield by the guilty."

In his year-long "peace tour" the King has been urging the international community, both private and governmental, to re-focus its assistance on exactly the basis urged in your excellent editorial. In a small way he is doing what you recommend. Through his charity, King Kigeli's Children, he is raising money for the over 100,000 orphans of his sad country, and is anxious that such money will be spent on projects inside Rwanda.

Yours faithfully,
BONIFACE BENZINGE
(Secretary to HM Kigeli V of Rwanda),
King Kigeli's Children,
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Arlington, Virginia 22207, USA.
March 25.

From the Director of Cafod

Sir, Your leading article of March 23 suggests that overseas aid agencies have been manipulated by Hutu extremists into pouring humanitarian aid into refugee camps outside the country rather than into the rebuilding of Rwanda.

The result, it claims, is that humanitarian aid has created semi-permanent, relatively comfortable camps ruled over by former murderers who have every interest in preventing repatriation of the two million refugees.

Cafod and the other agencies cannot be expected to rule on which people in the camps are deserving of food aid. They are already funding projects inside Rwanda aimed at rebuilding the legal and civil infrastructure of that state. These projects are vital if normal life is to be restored to Rwanda, but this does not mean that we can turn our backs on the thousands of innocent people in camps around the border.

The suggestion that refugees remain in the camps because humanitarian aid has guaranteed good supplies of water, food and medical facilities conflicts with reports from aid workers in the camps who report food shortages, the growing threat from HIV/Aids and sporadic violence. People stay in refugee camps because they are afraid to go home. The job of the aid agencies is to keep them alive meanwhile.

Yours sincerely,
JULIAN FILOCHOWSKI,
Director, Cafod
(Catholic Fund for Overseas Development),
Romero Close, Stockwell Road, SW9.
March 24.

Fact and myth on 'quickie' divorce

From Mr Bruce Lidington

Sir, I am concerned at the unqualified welcome given to the Lord Chancellor's press release on divorce law reform in your editorial and report of March 20.

The idea of "quickie" divorce owes more to myth than fact. Although current divorce can be obtained within three or four months, this is rare. Cases involving children most commonly take 18 months at the least.

My reading of the proposed reforms suggests that a month is to be set aside for the parties to evaluate the consequences of divorce, once notice has been served. When this month has passed it will then be necessary to bring in the full litigious armoury of lawyers in order to complete a divorce within an 11-month schedule.

"Fault" allegations will not be essential to the central process, but are likely to be exploited to the full in the negotiation of ancillary matters. Mediation will be encouraged but will have no weight within the legal process.

Far from encouraging reflection and communication, these proposals are a recipe for increased conflict and will promote the use of children as bargaining counters for short-term gain. They seem only designed to make the divorces run on time.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE LIDINGTON
(Chairman), Families Need Fathers,
134 Curtain Road, EC2.
March 21.

From Mrs Valerie Kleanthous

Sir, Your editorial of March 20 is to be welcomed, in that it supports the introduction of mediation into the divorce process. However, mediation is not some form of divorce counselling. Any saving of marriages during the mediation process, whilst welcome, is a secondary objective.

As presently perceived, and practised by members of the Family Mediators Association or National Family Mediation (the two main associations in the field), the aim is to assist the couple to work out the problems resulting from the breakdown in the relationship and to make appropriate arrangements for the future, both financial and as regards the children, so as to minimise conflict.

Secondly, divorce solicitors continue to have, in my view, an undeserved reputation for escalating conflict. Many family lawyers, and in particular members of the Solicitors Family Law Association, work towards a fair resolution for their client and, as you say, frequently refer their clients to mediation.

Generally speaking, if the solicitor attempts to "squeeze out" the maximum (as you put it) it is on clients' instructions.

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE KLEANTHOUS
(Solicitor/family mediator),
Thatchways, Bridle Lane, Loudwater,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

From Mrs Lesley Pendlebury Cox

Sir, Proposals designed to cut the true cost of divorce will be welcomed by most. However, Lord Mackay of Clashfern's proposal to introduce a no-fault system of divorce appears to ignore the fact that partners may not simultaneously accept the irretrievable breakdown of their marriage. One cannot legislate against a partner's perception that he or she is innocent whilst the other is guilty.

The ability of one partner to impose a divorce on the other is currently limited. A reduction of limitations might be realistic but could only add to the feelings of impotence and bereavement of the abandoned spouse.

Committed family practitioners recognise the need for counselling skills to complement their legal training. Lord Mackay's proposals may mean, ironically, that clients will need more of their solicitors' time, not less.

Yours faithfully,
LESLEY PENDLEBURY COX,
Gregory, Rowcliffe & Milners
(Solicitors),
1 Bedford Row, WC1.

Should there be special juries for complex fraud trials?

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, The fraud trial at Newport in Gwent, stopped by the judge after six months because the evidence had become too difficult for the jury to understand (report, March 23), should incite the Home Office to introduce a Bill in Parliament implementing the recommendation in 1986 by Lord Roskill's committee for the trial of complex fraud cases by a High Court judge sitting with lay assessors.

In the meantime some steps could be taken to shorten fraud trials. First, an experienced High Court judge should always try the complex ones. Forensic experience is that a firm, authoritative voice coming from a judge in a red robe curbs prolixity and stops the taking of bad points.

Secondly, indictments should be kept short: never more than six counts. In many cases a single count of conspiracy to defraud would suffice. Such a count would allow a simple issue to be put to the jury — viz, has the prosecution proved that the accused agreed together to swindle the alleged victims?

Thirdly, only those alleged to be the principal villains should be indicted. Mere employees, however knowledgeable they may have been of what was going on, should not be indicted.

Fourthly, counsel instructed under legal aid should be offered an all-in brief fee for the trial and not paid daily refreshers. Before the coming in 1960 of legal aid in criminal cases, defending counsel in London were nearly always offered, and accepted, such fees.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
1 The Village, Skelton, York.
March 23.

From the Director of the Serious Fraud Office

Sir, Frances Gibb ("Computerised evidence speeds course of justice", report, March 23) referred to the successful Serious Fraud Office prosecution of Roy Wharton, chairman of Castlegate Securities, at Oxford Crown Court last year, where computer technology was used to great effect in presenting the SFO's case.

Judge May, who presided, is reported to have said that the use of a document retrieval system to store 17,000 core files on compact discs had saved much time and money. This meant that the jury and others were not regularly spending time looking for numerous documents in bundles.

The SFO has devoted considerable effort to developing the use of computer technology in long and complex fraud cases, so it is reassuring to hear a member of the judiciary saying that with this kind of technology a jury would be well able to follow a complex fraud trial.

The SFO refused to allow publication of certain research conducted among the jurors at Oxford on whether they found the technology helpful. To have published would have run the risk of a breach of Section 8 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981.

However, the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice recommended in July 1993 that the law should be changed so that research into how juries reached their verdict could be conducted. An informed debate could then take place rather than argument based only on surmise and anecdote. That is a recommendation which I have consistently supported, and I am hopeful that before long it might be possible to make progress on this.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE STAPLE,
Director, Serious Fraud Office,
Elm House, 10 Elm Street, WC1.
March 23.

Pugin window

From the Director of the Victorian Society

Sir, Those with even a passing knowledge of Victorian stained glass will have noticed that the window in Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, illustrating your report today, "Vicar campaigns to replace Pugin window redolent of Mr Blobby", is not the A. W. Pugin window that the parish wishes to replace. It is the proposed modern replacement.

Readers may rest assured that even had they seen the correct picture, they would still have been unable to make any connection between Mr Blobby and Pugin's 27 Old Testament kings and prophets.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM FILMER-SANKEY,
Director,
The Victorian Society,
1 Priory Gardens, Bedford Park, W4.
March 24.

Diplomatic divide

From Mr Michael Hart, QC

Sir, Dr Burville (letter, March 22) will find his point about mending fences addressed by Robert Frost in *Mending Wall*, where the poet's neighbour

> ... will not go behind his father's saying.
> And he likes having thought of it so well
> He says again, "Good fences make good neighbors".

Anyone with experience of boundary disputes will share the sentiment.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HART,
Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

From Mr Tom Williams

Sir, The fences have to be mended so that prime ministers and presidents can sit on them.

Yours sincerely,
TOM WILLIAMS,
2 The Hawthorns,
Lutterworth, Leicestershire.

Yale's gift

From Professor J. L. Bradley

Sir, The admirable decision by Yale University to return $20 million plus interest to a potential donor (report and leading article, March 18) can only increase respect and admiration for a great centre of learning. For any benefactor to expect to approve academic posts is, of course, an absurdity; and it is regrettable that minority campus groups (staff or student) would further muddy the waters by mouthing the odious "dead white male" war-cry of political correctness.

Naturally, Yale will survive such assaults to remain the fortress of Western culture it has been for almost three centuries.

Yours,
J. L. BRADLEY,
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Hinton St George, Somerset.
March 20.

Question Time

From Mr Tim Gardam

Sir, Contrary to what Simon Jenkins seems to believe ("Taking a risk with vox pop", March 18), *Question Time* is not being "replaced" by *The People's Debate*. It will end its run in midsummer, as usual, and will return for another series in the autumn.

Mr Jenkins alleged that the programme's audiences were "derisively" called "ordinary people" and were "used as soundbites". That was never, I believe, the case; furthermore, since taking over its production last September, the new producer, Capron Productions, has aimed to enhance and increase the role of the studio audience.

The proportion of air time taken up by contributions from the studio audience is now about a third, and the average number of audience members speaking in each programme has increased from about twenty to more than thirty.

There is no "fixed panel" of Con-Lab-Lib politicians plus a "wild-card": almost half the programmes in the current series have featured two politicians and two non-politicians. There is always a balance between straight political questions and those dealing with ethical or wider social matters — four out of the six topics last week were on euthanasia, corruption in sport, the "outing" of homosexuals and the demise of *Spitting Image* — and selection is guided by the level of interest shown in different subjects by our studio audiences. Thus the agenda is set by Simon Jenkins's "normal people", not by politicians.

The People's Debate will be a reflection of *Question Time*'s imposing presence over more than a decade, during which we have failed to explore other forms of popular debate, and cannot in any sense be seen as its replacement. *Question Time* has an increasingly loyal audience and, in its present form, continues to thrive.

Yours faithfully,
TIM GARDAM
(Head of Weekly Programmes,
News and Current Affairs),
British Broadcasting Corporation,
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March 21.

From Ms Anna Carragher

Sir, Simon Jenkins's assertion that producers "were instructed" whom to invite on the programmes is simply wrong. I produced *Question Time* from 1984 to 1989, and *Any Questions?* from 1989 to 1992, and in that period I was never instructed as to whom I should or should not ask on to the panels. Editorial judgment, due regard to taste and decency and abiding by the law — these were the requirements of the job.

Editorial judgment, not charter renewal, demanded that in the period immediately before general elections most panels did include representatives of all national political parties: we would have failed our audience had we not let the public test their arguments. At other times no such consideration applies, and the phrase "I agree with the last speaker" actually crops up quite frequently.

It is offensive to audiences, both in the studio and at home, to dismiss them as "soundbites". They, not we, decide the content of the programmes and frequently surprise and disconcert panels by the acuity of their questions and comments.

Yours sincerely,
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March 21.

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'Gay clergy'

From Mr Paul Bennett

Sir, Nigella Lawson ("Charge of the ban-it brigade", March 21) wonders about the reasons for the apparently high incidence of gay men and women in the Church. I wonder whether the Church in fact has a higher incidence than any other profession, or whether it only appears high because "gay clergy" makes a "good" headline.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL BENNETT,
11 Fermoy, Frome, Somerset.

A nasty touch of ...

From Mr Ronald Boxall

Sir, In view of your recent obsession with detailed descriptions of the symptoms of various terminal conditions, would you consider asking your Medical Correspondent to contribute a regular column of advice to your older readers on how to cope with being frightened half to death through self-diagnosis resulting from the rest of his articles?

Yours sincerely,
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Upper Richmond Road, SW15.

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HM YACHT BRITANNIA

March 25: The Queen this morning visited Natal Society for the Blind, Durban.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, later attended a Reception at City Hall and was received by the Mayor of Durban (Councillor Michael Lipschitz).

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, afterwards honoured the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal (Dr Frank Mdlalose) with her presence at Luncheon at the Royal Hotel, Durban.

King Goodwill was received by The Queen this afternoon.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later visited Durban Racecourse.

Rear Admiral Robert Woodard was received by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Cultural Performance at Durban Playhouse.

Afterwards Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, accompanied by The President of the Republic of South Africa, appeared on the balcony of City Hall and viewed a Zulu Dance Display.

Finally The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh bade farewell to President Mandela and left Durban Airport for London.

The Duke of Edinburgh visited the University of Natal, Durban, this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 26: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by the Duchess of Grafton, the Hon Mary Morrison, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Charles Anson, Surgeon Captain David Swain, RN, Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Major James Patrick and Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning from South Africa.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at the Airport by Mr Roger Cato (Deputy Managing Director, Heathrow Airport).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 26: The Princess Royal, President, British Academy of Film and Television Arts, this evening attended the Lloyds Bank/Bafta Craft/Production Awards at Kings Theatre, Bath Street, Glasgow, followed by a Dinner at the Glasgow Hilton International Hotel, 1 William Street, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Thomas Dingwall, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the National Trust's Centenary Year, will introduce a lecture delivered by Mrs Rosemary Verey and will attend a reception at the South Bank Centre, SE1, at 5.50.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Citizens Advice Scotland, will visit Hamilton bureau, Almada Tower, Hamilton, at 10.15; will visit Motherwell and Wishaw Citizens Advice Bureau, 32 Civic Square, Motherwell, Lanarkshire, at 11.15; and, as Patron of the Northern Lighthouse Board, will attend a board meeting at the board's headquarters at 84 George Street, Edinburgh, at 1.00.

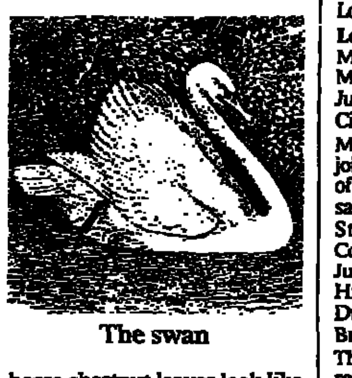
The Duchess of Kent will open the Museum of Methodism at Wesley's House, City Road, EC1, at 2.05.

Nature notes

MUTE swans are swimming about in pairs: the cob usually leads, his wings arched as a threat to any rivals. Some pairs have already started to build their gigantic nests of reeds. Last year's cygnets are already full-grown, but they still have coffee-coloured patches in their plumage, and will not breed until they are three or four years old. Canada geese are also swimming in pairs, the gander making loud cries that sound more like a groan than a honk.

A common sound in the countryside is the short, trilling alarm call of the male chaffinches; it alternates with their songs. Goldcrests are singing regularly in conifer trees: the song is like a sewing machine getting louder and louder, and ending with a flourish.

Hornbeam buds, with their crisscross patterns, are about to break into leaf. Opening horse-chestnut leaves look like small umbrellas. Pine cones are opening and shedding their seeds: on a dry, sunny afternoon, one can hear them cracking steadily in the treetops. The Scots pine is the only native British pine tree, but millions of Austrian and Corsican pines have been planted here. Small tortoiseshell butterflies are coming out of hibernation: they like to rest on warm metal. DJM



The swan

MICHAEL POWELL



Members of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters scrutinise *The Man with the Child in his Eyes* by Morgan Penn at the selection of the public's entries for the 1995 exhibition to be held at the Mall Galleries in London in May

Appointments

Dr Peter Williams to be a trustee and chairman of the board of trustees of the Science Museum from January 1, 1996.

To be Deputy Lieutenants of Cornwall: Air Vice-Marshal Richard Allerton; Elizabeth Bolitho; Viscountess Boyd of Merton; Michael Latham; David Treffry; John Williams.

To be Deputy Lieutenants for Greater London: Air Commodore Brian Batt and Mr Patrick O'Brien.

Timothy Mason, chief executive of the London Arts Board since 1991, to be director of the Museums and Galleries Commission from July 1 in succession to Mr Peter Longman.

Legal

Mr Hugh Marsden Morgan and Mr Terence Maher to be Circuit Judges on the South Eastern Circuit.

Mr Stephen Charles Rogers to be a joint District Judge for the districts of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall, West Bromwich, Lichfield, Stourbridge and Tamworth County Courts and joint District Judge in the District Registry of the High Court at Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall and West Bromwich from April 3.

The following have been appointed recorders assigned to the North Eastern Circuit:

J H Allen, P C Benson, D L Bradshaw, D R Dobbin, J D Durham Hall, J E P Finnigan, K Gillance, J M Harrow, D W Hatton, A T Hedworth, P R Isaacs, K M P MacGill, G C Marson, D A Salter, Miss J Shipley, R Thomas and Mrs A Walker.

University news

Glasgow

Professor David Gareth Walters has been appointed to the Stevenson Chair of Hispanic Studies.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Alfred de Vigny, poet, Locher, France, 1797; Baron Georges Eugene Haussmann, architect, Paris, 1809; Wilhelm Conrad von Röntgen, physicist, Nobel laureate 1901, Lennep, Germany, 1845; Vincent D'Indy, composer, Paris, 1851; Heinrich Mann, novelist, Lubeck, Germany, 1871; Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, architect, Aachen, 1886; Ferde Grofé, composer, New York, 1892; Karl Mannheim, sociologist, Budapest, 1893; Draza Mihajlovic, leader of Yugoslav Chetniks, Ivanjica, near Cacak, Serbia, 1893; Gloria Swanson, actress, Chicago, Illinois, 1899.

DEATHS: King James VI of Scotland (from 1567) and James I of England (reigned 1603-25), Theobalds, Hertfordshire, 1625; Edward Stillingfleet, theologian, London, 1699; Giovanni Tiepolo, painter, Madrid, 1770; Richard Cromwell Carpenter, architect, London, 1855; Sir George Gilbert Scott, architect, London, 1878; Sir Henry Taylor, poet, Bournemouth, 1886; John Bright, politician, Rochdale, 1889; Sir James Dewar, physicist, London, 1923; Henry Adams, historian, Washington, 1918; Arnold Bennett, novelist, London, 1931; Michael Joseph Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1935-40, Wellington, New Zealand, 1940; Yuri Gagarin, first cosmonaut to orbit the Earth (1961), died in an air crash, Moscow, 1968.

The United States Navy was formed, 1794.

The first successful blood transfusion took place in a Brussels hospital, 1914.

Polythene was discovered by Reginald Gibson and Eric William Fawcett in the ICI laboratories at Northwich, Cheshire, 1933.

More than 550 people were killed when two Boeing 747 jets collided at Tenerife, Canary Islands, 1977.

Communist hardliners were defeated in the first elections for the Soviet parliament, 1989.

St Mary's Hospital, Paddington

A Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication to mark the 150th Anniversary of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington (part of St Mary's NHS Trust) will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Tuesday, June 20, 1995. Former staff, patients, volunteers, and others associated with the hospital, are invited to apply for complimentary tickets to: Mr Richard Abbott, Room 20, The Nursing Office, St Mary's NHS Trust, Praed Street, London, W2 1NY, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope by Friday, April 28, 1995. Tickets will be posted on June 1.

Winchester College

The following awards have been offered for September 1995. (Names in alphabetical order).

Sixth Form Scholarships

D.T.S. FitzGerald (Tonbridge School, Kent); H.L.M. Rohde — Music Award (Kaiser-Karls-Gymnasium, Aachen).

Music Scholarships

J.S. Birchall (St George's School, Windsor); M.B. Chapman (King's Junior School, Canterbury); S. Mumford (Walhampton School, Lymington); R.T.J. Wheater (St John's College School, Cambridge); J.S. Wong (German Swiss International School, Hong Kong).

Mozart Bi-Centenary Prize

R.E. James (Lockers Park, Hemel Hempstead); T.M. Vickers (Brambletye, East Grinstead); C. Wong (Winchester College).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

CAPTAIN: R J Bradshaw - MOD Taunton 29.9.95; R A Cotton - MOD London 29.9.95; C V Ellison - Rosyth 8.9.95; R J N Hibbert - Staff of 2SL/CNH 22.9.95.

COMMANDER: R A Doxsey - Staff of 2SL/CNH 2.5.95; R J Edmonds - Sea Cadet Corps London 3.11.95; S M Gillespie - MOD London 29.9.95; P C Ingham - SACLANT USA 22.9.95; D J Richardson - HQAFNORTHWEST 26.5.95; J E Ward - Seahawk 29.8.95; N S Westwood - Northwood 26.5.95; T N E Williams - Rosyth 12.9.95.

Retirements

COMMANDER: R C Smith - 20.5.95.

The Army

Major-General S Cowan to be Inspector General of Doctrine and Training in the rank of Lieutenant-General from March 20 in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Duffell.

Major-General R J Hayman-Joyce to be Master General of the Ordnance in the rank of Lieutenant-General from April 28 in succession to General Sir Jeremy Blacker.

Major-General M I E Scott to be Military Secretary from April 13 in succession to Major-General R J Hayman-Joyce.

Major-General J M F C Hall to be General Officer Commanding Scotland from April 12 in succession to Major-General M I E Scott.

Major-General A I G Kennedy to be Senior Army Member Royal College of Defence Studies from April 21 in succession to Major-General D P Thomson.

COLONELS: C R Langton - To HQ Londist, 1.4.95; M E Romilly - To CBDE, 29.3.95; A E Thompson - To 1 Mech Bde HQ & Sig Sqn, 1.4.95.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: T H Eveleigh REME - To HQ UKLF, 27.3.95; R N Kendell RTR - To be CO 4/5 Rangers, 29.3.95; J W Lanham AGC(PRO) - To RMP UKLF, 27.3.95; P Morgan REME - To BLO Germany, 27.3.95; S F Sibley RAVC - To MOD 1.4.95.

Retirements

COLONELS: A J Dobson Late Int Corps, 30.3.95; P A Goddard Late LI, 31.3.95; W B Ibbetson Late GH, 31.3.95; J L Longman Late RTR, 31.3.95; B G G Nicholson Late RA, 31.3.95.

Birthdays

Lord Amery of Lustleigh, 76; Mr D.R.G. Andrews, former chairman, Land Rover-Leyland, 62; Mrs Mary Armour, artist, 93; Miss Ruth Ashton, former general secretary, Royal College of Midwives, 56; Mr R.P. Bauman, chairman, British Aerospace, 64; Professor A.J. Bellingham, president, Royal College of Pathologists, 57; Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, former chairman, Press Council, 69; Mr Kim Brassey, racehorse trainer, 40; Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, 83; Mr R.P. Cohan, choreographer, 70; Mr P. Daubeny, chief executive, Electricity Association, 57; Mr Patrick Deuchar, chief executive, Albert Hall, 46; Miss Maria Ewing, opera singer, 45; Lord Fanshawe of Richmond, 68; Mr Julian Glover, actor, 60; Sir David Hancock, civil servant, 61; Mr Ellery Hanley, rugby league player, 34; Mr Nicholas Hawkins, MP, 38; Mr Victor Hochhauser, impresario, 72; Lord Lyell, 56; Mr Patrick McCabe, novelist, 40; Mr J.G. Parker, former High Master, Manchester Grammar School, 62; Lord Plumb, MEP, 70; Mr Mstislav Rostropovich, cellist and conductor, 68; Sir Richard Sharp, civil servant, 80; Admiral Sir Jock Slater, 57; Professor Margaret Stacey, sociologist, 73; Mr Gary Stevens, footballer, 32; the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, 60; Mr Frank Taylor, Chief Constable, Durham, 62; Miss Daphne Todd, president, Royal Society of Portrait Painters, 48; Mr Cyrus Vance, KBE, American politician, 78; Mr Michael York, actor, 53.

Memorial service

Dr Angus Donald Macintyre

The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University attended a memorial service for Dr Angus Donald Macintyre held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. The Rev Brian Mountford, the Rev Michael Wright, the Fellows' Chaplain, Magdalen College, and the Rev Dr Michael Piret, Dean of Divinity, Magdalen College, officiated. Mr James Fenton, Professor of Poetry, Oxford University, and Mr John Fuller read their own poems. Mr David Pryce-Jones read a poem by Mr Peter Levi and the President of Magdalen College read an ode by Joseph Addison. Mr Ben Macintyre, son, and Professor Roy Foster paid tribute. Mr John Grigg gave an address.

Service dinner

St Nazaire Society

Rear-Admiral John Hervey was the guest of honour at an anniversary dinner of the St Nazaire Society held on Saturday at the Victory Services Club. Dr John Roderick presided.

Mahar Regiment

Major E. Stanley-Jones presided at the 50th anniversary reunion dinner of former officers of the Mahar Regiment and their ladies held on Saturday at the Mill House Hotel, Ashington, West Sussex.

Carnival ball

SOS

Countess Alexander of Tunis, Chairman of the Stars Organisation Supporting Action For People with Cerebral Palsy, Mr Frederick Forsyth, chairman, and Dr Carol Myer, director, were present at a carnival ball held last night at the Café Royal to mark the organisation's 40th anniversary.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J. Bradley and Miss M.E. Bromfield

The engagement is announced between Dominic, only son of Mr and Mrs P.M. Bradley, of Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, and Michele, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Bromfield, of Longwood, Florida.

Mr R.C. Brooke and Miss S.L. Scott

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr David Brooke, of Cholderton, Wiltshire, and Mrs Robin Stormonth-Darling, of Balvarran, Perthshire, and Sophie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Scott, of Sutton-cum-Lound, Nottinghamshire.

Mr E.M. Brooke and Miss C.J. Corbett

The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Mr David Brooke, of Cholderton, Wiltshire, and Mrs Robin Stormonth-Darling, of Balvarran, Perthshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Corbett, of Binley, Hampshire.

Mr I.M. Hinckley and Miss A.J. King

The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Hinckley, of Morden, Surrey, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr Henry King, of Chelsea, London, and of Mrs Bridget King, of Ickford, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S.J. Tonkin and Miss P.E. Vanke

The engagement is announced between Steven James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Tonkin, of Wondalga, New South Wales, Australia, and Pamela Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ferdynand Vanke, of Bramcote, Nottinghamshire.

Marriage

Commander J.S.M. Davidson and the Hon J.R. Younger

A service of blessing was held on Saturday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster, after the marriage at Wandsworth Register Office on Friday of Commander John Davidson, son of the late Mr Malcolm Davidson and of Dr Audrey Dunlop, of Greystones, Lovington, Castle Cary, and stepson of the late Sidney Dunlop, to the Hon Joanna Younger, daughter of Lord and Lady Younger of Prestwick, of London, SE11. The Archdeacon of St Albans officiated.

Victory Ball

The British American Forces Dining Club will hold a Victory Ball at the Honourable Artillery Company on Saturday, June 24, 1995, to mark the end of the Second World War with the proceeds going to American and United Kingdom service charities.

Applications are invited from serving and retired Allied service officers and from civilians involved in defence. Tickets at £100 per person are available from Captain P.J. Tyrrell, RN, UK Secretary, BAFDC, Room 1256, Main Building, Ministry of Defence, London, SW1A 2HB. Please enclose a £10 deposit for each ticket with a stamped addressed envelope. The balance is due by May 12 and the closing date for applications is April 21.

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BIRTHS

ALSINA On 21st March at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital to Emma (née Barton) and Josep a daughter Miranda Sonia.

BANHAM SCREETON - On 16th March 1995, to Judi and Guy, a son, Matthew Alan, a brother for James.

BRAUN - On March 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Debra (née Sinclair) and Sidney, a son, a brother for Miriam, Daniella and Tamar.

CALVO-PLATERO - On 11th March in New York, to Mario and Ariadne, a daughter, Clio Gemma Beaumont.

FRANSEN - On March 19th 1995 in Bermuda to Sarah (née German) and David a precious son Barrett David.

GALANNAUGH - On March 24th 1995 at St. Heliers Hospital Carshalton to Amanda (née Humphries) and Charles a daughter Elizabeth, a sister for Kitty.

MCBRIDE - On March 20th to Eve (née Bramwell) and Kevin a son Louis.

RUCK KEENE - On March 22nd 1995, to Laura and Jonathan, a son, Toby Francis.

WALKER - On March 19th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Harriet (née Williams) and Jonathan Walker a daughter, Isabella Mary.

DEATHS

CARTER - On March 25th in Walton Hospital, 3 weeks after breaking his hip, Wilfred Lawrence, aged 93. Husband of Betty, father of Mervyn and Larry, Timothy, Penny and Christopher. Funeral private.

CORBIN - On 24th March, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Barbara Ermyne Corbin (née Davies) aged 81. Widow of Col C.J. Corbin CBE, much loved mother of Sue (deceased) David and Sally and beloved grandmother. Funeral at All Saints Church, Winterslow Thursday 30th March at 2.15pm followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations to SSAFA, Salisbury, Wilts.

COURAGE - On March 23rd 1995, Nicholas Inman Courage, died aged 39, after a very brave and prolonged struggle against leukaemia. Funeral March 31st. Flowers to A. Scales Ltd, 11, Church St. Hertford.

DEATHS

GEDDES - On March 24 peacefully after a short illness, at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Godfrey Alexander Geddes DL, much loved husband of Jean, father of Timothy and Julia and Grandfather of Alexander. Funeral service to be held at Guildford Crematorium (Compton) on Thursday March 30th at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 57 Gloucester Place London W1

GORDON-PUGH - On March 23rd 1995, peacefully in hospital in Cornwall, Archibald Arundel Gordon-Pugh, aged 86 years, much loved husband, father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. Funeral service at Glynn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin on Thursday March 30th at 12.30 pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o Angus L. Mackinnon, Funeral Directors, Pound Lane Bodmin, PL31 2BT

GREGORY - On March 24th 1995 Dorothy Agnes, aged 85 years (née Richardson) widow of Charles (Greg). Dearest mother of Ann and Grandmother of James. Funeral service will take place at The United Church, Bridport on Thursday March 30th at 2pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for Bridport United Church c/o A.J. Wakely and Sons, 91 East St. Bridport, Dorset.

HALL - Sidney Ronald on Wednesday 22nd March, peacefully passed away in his sleep aged 91. Retired Director of Sport and General, devoted father of Christine. Service, Beckenham Crematorium, Thursday March 30th 12.30

HOBDELL - On March 20th 1995, peacefully in hospital, Major Charles Frederick Hobdell, aged 81 years. Formerly of South Stoke and Arundel. Service St. Leonard's Church, South Stoke, on Monday April 3rd at 12 noon followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please, donations for "Army Benevolent Fund" may be sent c/o and all enquiries to H.D.Tribe Ltd, 5 Surrey St, Littlehampton, West Sussex. Tel 01903 732966.

KACSER - Mrs Katie Alfred Kacser, died peacefully on 22nd March 1995, beloved wife of her beloved Alfred, beloved mother of Claude Kacser, most beloved grandmother of her beloved Hilary Kacser. Private arrangement, so no flowers please. Memorial Service to be arranged at a later time. Communication to her son Mr Claude Kacser in America. Tel: 0101 301 299 9229.

DEATHS

LESLIE - On March 24, 1995 after a long illness bravely borne, His Honour Gilbert Frank, beloved husband of Mary and much loved father of Flavia, Cynthia and Caroline. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey on Friday March 31 at 11am. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, to the Barristers' Benevolent Association, 14 Gray's Inn Square, London WC1R 5JP.

MANTELL - On 22nd March, after a long illness, Joy Kathleen. Service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium 4.30pm 30th March. No flowers please. Donations if desired to St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley.

PERRETT - On 22nd March 1995, at home Florence Delphie, (née Conran) aged 88, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Family funeral from The Old Vicarage, Chilham, Friday 31st March, 12 noon. Flowers to CW Lyons and Son Ltd 01227 465508, 40 Military Road Canterbury

PERRY-ALDWORTH - Dorothy aged 90, beloved wife of Sam and mother of Janet and Stephanie and a much loved Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. On March 24th at Gotton Manor after a gallant fight. Private family cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Pancras Church, West Bagborough, near Taunton on Friday 31st March at 3.30pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund c/o E. White & Son (Taunton) Ltd., 138/139 East Reach, Taunton TA1 3HN

RANDON - On 20th March 1995, in Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, Alfred George. Aged 83, beloved husband of Margaret and father of Peter, Monica, Ann and Paul. Family funeral at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield, on Thursday 23rd March.

SEVERN - On March 23rd, 1995 peacefully in Worthing Hospital, Joseph Ross, cherished husband of Joan, beloved father of Ross. Funeral Service at St Pauls Church, Chapel Road, Worthing Thursday March 30th at 1.00pm followed by cremation at 2pm. Family flowers, or donations for The Burma Star Association or The Officers Association, to H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing.

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Gary Smith
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The Insolvency Act 1986
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DJ Buchler
Liquidator

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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH NEEDHAM

Joseph Needham, CH, FRS, scientist, Sinologist and Master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 1966-76, died on March 24 aged 94. He was born on December 9, 1900.



JOSEPH NEEDHAM combined the polymath instincts of scientist, Sinologist and historian to an unusual degree. His most sustained and ambitious work of scholarship was the magisterial *Science and Civilisation in China*, a work which ran to a projected seven volumes and 25 parts, and which occupied forty years of his life. The completion of it must now fall to others, but a single volume would have surely made any other Sinologist's reputation for life.

Needham was uniquely well placed to undertake the task. He had a background as an experimental scientist. He was interested in the history of European science, politics and economics, and he had laboriously taught himself Chinese. He was also assured of the assistance of a range of Chinese scholars, many of whom he had met while stationed in Chungking on a scientific mission during the early 1940s.

It was there that there came to him the need for the task to which he devoted his life. Sifting through a pile of forgotten books outside a temple, Needham discovered the existence of a 4th-century Chinese text containing material which, he realised, was hardly known at all to historians of chemistry in other cultures: "One does not forget such introductions." But, while conceding that his work was important as a bridge between China and the West, he did not overestimate his contribution. In his preface to Volume One, published in 1954, he wrote: "The labours of 20 specialists working each for a lifetime would alone begin to make some impression ... a book such as the present one can be but a reconnaisance."

The titles of his published books illustrate his wide range of interest: from *A History of Embryology* (1934) to *The Hall of Heavenly Records: Korean astronomical instruments and clocks 1380-1780* (1986). But it is for his writings on Chinese science and civilisation — a subject which in his hands encompassed not only mathematics, astronomy and medicine, but clockmaking, printing and gunpowder — that he will be best remembered. His contribution to scholarship in this respect is unlikely to be bettered within the foreseeable future.

Noël Joseph Terence Montgomery Needham was an only child, the son of a Harley Street doctor who specialised in anaesthetics. He was educated at Oundle School and at Caius College, Cambridge. After serving as a surgeon sub-lieutenant for a short time during the First World War he went up to Cambridge, obtaining in 1922 a second in Part II of the Natural Sciences Tripos in physiology, with biochemistry as a major subsidiary subject.

Needham then joined the group of young men who were gathering around Gowland Hopkins to undertake research in the newly-established department of biochemistry at Cambridge. There he quickly distinguished himself, being elected to a fellowship at Caius College in 1924 and being appointed a university demonstrator in biochemistry in 1928. On March 1, 1933, he succeeded J. B. S. Haldane as Sir William Dunn Reader in biochemistry.

Under the influence of Gowland Hopkins, Needham took up the investigation of metabolic changes which occur in the development of the embryo of the hen's egg. It was indicative of Needham's abilities that in 1931 he published *Chemical Embryology*, a work in three large volumes in which there appeared a comprehensive survey of the whole field of research, including his own, in this important and developing subject. *Chemical Embryology is prefaced by a long* account of the history of embryology from the earliest times which afterwards appeared as a separate work, *A History of Embryology* (1934).

This excursion fostered Needham's interest in the history and philosophy of science, and he was active in instituting courses in this subject in the University of Cambridge in the mid-1930s. All this time he was the leader of a group of biochemical investigators who contributed many new facts and ideas in the field of chemical embryology, comparative biochemistry, and later, in a collaboration which included his wife Dorothy, in investigations on the biochemistry of muscle.

Needham was a polymath in the world of science, more akin to the French encyclopaedists than would be expected of a scientist in modern times. His breadth of knowledge, and his ability to collate information — but not necessarily to evaluate it critically — were astonishing. During the 1930s he became interested in Chinese civilisation as a result of the presence in the department of biochemistry at Cambridge of a number of Chinese scientists. This prompted him to learn Chinese and in 1942 Needham headed a scientific mission to China and became a counsellor (scientific) at the British Embassy there. During his four years in China he visited many scientific and technological institutes. In 1943 he became a foreign member of the Chinese National Academy (Academia Sinica) and received the Order of the Brilliant Star (Ching Hsing Ta Yuan Chang).

After the war Needham became the first director of the natural sciences department of Unesco, but after some hesitation, he decided in 1948 to return to his post in biochemistry at Cambridge. There he began to collate and to write up some of the large amount of information on Chinese science and civilisation which he had collected in China. By then his library included an immense range of Chinese books and manuscripts, some of which had hitherto been unknown to Western scholars.

The first part of his *magnum opus* appeared in 1954 under the title *Science and Civilisation in China*. This work attempted a systematic survey, which had never before been achieved, of the contributions of traditional Chinese culture throughout the ages to human understanding of nature and the control of natural processes. Although from time to time he gave postgraduate lectures on chemical embryology and on comparative biochemistry, from 1948 onwards his time was almost entirely occupied by Sinology. He did, however, continue to hold his readership in biochemistry until 1965, when he was elected Master of Gonville and Caius College.

Needham was once described as looking like a badly tucked-in bed and, although this was unkind, his appearance was not always tidy. He tended to speak in an excited and passionate way about things that interested him and would sometimes jump from one point to the next with a speed, and even recklessness, that could leave even the most intelligent of listeners somewhat at a loss.

He early associated left-wing political enthusiasm with a concern for High Anglican doctrine and was essentially a friendly, trusting person. Sometimes his integrity, combined with an almost naive trust in the honesty of those around, landed him in difficulties. In some way he was the opposite of a xenophobe and seemed happiest when in the company of visitors of varied hues, whose sometimes tongue-twisting names he would pronounce — correctly or incorrectly — without a trace of diffidence.

In 1952 he accepted an invitation from the Academia Sinica to visit Peking. During the Korean War charges had been made of the dropping of rats bearing typhus-infested insects, and of infected food — for example, cholera-infected clams — from US aeroplanes in enemy-held areas. While he was in China he was invited to consider the case made by the Chinese and, as a result, became convinced of the truth of the allegations. He then agreed to become one of seven foreign scientists to sign a report which declared that they were satisfied with the evidence that germ warfare had, indeed, been practised by the Americans.

The repercussions in Western countries of the appearance of this report were surprising to Needham and caused him some embarrassment. But at a difficult press conference in London after he had returned, the honesty of the man himself was apparent to all. He weathered the storm, returning to his great work of scholarship with undiminished vigour.

Needham lectured by invitation in many different parts of the world, earlier on biochemistry and chemical embryology and later on the history and philosophy of science. In 1972 he became president of the International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science, a distinction which greatly pleased him. He had delivered the Wilkins Lecture to the Royal Society in 1958 on the subject of "The missing link in horological history: a Chinese contribution".

He was awarded honorary degrees by a host of universities and received numerous other awards and honours. Of these he was particularly proud when in 1971 the British Academy elected him to its Fellowship, a rare distinction for a scientist. He had been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1941 and in 1992 was appointed a Companion of Honour.

In 1924 Needham married Dorothy Moyle, who pursued biochemical research for more than thirty years at Cambridge, sometimes in collaboration with Needham but mostly not. She died in 1987 and he married in 1989 Gwei-Djen Lu, the daughter of a Nanking scientist and a colleague of Needham's for thirty years. She died in 1991 and there were no children of either marriage.

GARTH JENKINS

Garth Jenkins, CB, QC, Deputy Secretary, Legal Adviser and Solicitor to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 1983-93, died from cancer on March 11 aged 61. He was born on December 7, 1933.



THE career of Garth Jenkins, indeed his whole life, represented a triumph of talent and tenacity over a great handicap.

Born into a working-class Birmingham family, he became blind at the age of four as the result of an accident and an infection which could not in those days be treated with antibiotics.

He was educated at the Royal National College for the Blind (then at Shrewsbury) where he was trained as a shorthand typist. This must have appeared to represent the best he could hope for, but at the age of eight Jenkins had vowed that he would not spend the "rest of my life making baskets". Perhaps it was not surprising, therefore, that later, as a typist in the office of the enlightened Town Clerk of Birmingham, J. F. Gregg, he came to the latter's notice. Gregg helped him to study law at Birmingham University.

From then on he did not look back. He graduated and was called to the Bar in 1963. Although offered a bursary to join chambers in Gray's Inn and encouraged by his two sponsors, both judges, his impending marriage decided him against the financial uncertainty of practice at the Bar.

After spells with South Shields Council and the Land Commission he joined the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) in London in 1971. After a period of adjustment, during which his talents came to be fully appreciated by his superiors, he made a meteoric rise to legal adviser in 1983 at the early age of 49.

Jenkins's abilities as a highly professional lawyer especially skilled in European Community law were combined with personal qualities which won him the trust and respect of successive MAFF ministers. During his period as legal adviser the settlement of the common fisheries policy was followed by the completion of the single market and reforms of food safety legislation and of the common agricultural policy. All represented a heavy load for Jenkins in which he revelled. Above all, he was able to grasp quickly and with apparent ease the frequent and complicated judgments of the European Court.

Jenkins was a natural lawyer, who brought to his official duties great seriousness and dedication to the public service. He was an articulate speaker and his written submissions were a model of clarity and elegance in a style which was distinctly his own. His legal competence was fully appreciated by all lawyers in the Government up to and including the Lord Chancellor. He radiated authority but with such good humour and humanity that he drew people to him.

Jenkins's achievements as a lawyer were marked by his appointment as CB in 1987, the acceptance of his application for silk in 1989 and by the award of an honorary LLD by Kingston University in 1993.

He was an executive council member of the Royal National Institute for the Blind from 1980, a founder member of the Society of Blind Lawyers, since 1981 a governor of the Royal National College for the Blind and chairman of the Braille Chess Association, 1981-84.

A great ambassador for the blind, his conversation and conduct put others at their ease. His intellectual curiosity gave him a great fund of knowledge: theatre, literature, music, chess, bridge, food, drink, travel and sport numbered among his many interests. But the abiding impression he gave was one of courage. Badly injured in the 1970s when a car failed to stop at traffic lights, he subsequently contracted rheumatoid arthritis, to which affliction was later joined angina and diabetes, and finally cancer. Such was his indomitable cheerfulness and generosity of spirit that few realised the full extent of his physical problems.

Until serious illness cruelly intervened, he was greatly looking forward to taking up his appointment to the Special Educational Needs Tribunal under the 1993 Act: a task for which his talents and experience would admirably have suited him.

Jenkins married Patricia Lindsay in 1965. The great debt he owed for her companionship and support, particularly since his operation last year, was something he was the first to acknowledge. She survives him together with their daughter.

RUSSELL BRADDON

Russell Braddon, novelist and author, died in New South Wales on March 20 aged 74. He was born on January 25, 1921.

THE author of more than thirty books, Russell Braddon was a useful biographer and writer on a variety of subjects of general interest. He was also an efficient entertainer by means of light, or at least lightish, popular fiction. An engaging, if belligerent, panellist on the BBC's *Any Questions?* programme of the Freddie Grisewood and David Jacobs eras, he later scripted, narrated and presented television documentaries, such as his contribution to the BBC *Great Rivers of the World* series (1985). In the 1950s and 1960s he was, as a forthright and usually genial self-publicist, a darling of the provincial luncheon clubs — particularly warmed to by women.

An Australian who came to Britain in 1949, Russell Reading Braddon was educated at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School, where, as he liked to put it, he "failed law finals" and "began writing by accident in 1949". He never stopped — indeed, he listed as his recreation, in *Who's Who*, "not writing".

All his earliest dreams of writing ended, though, when, having joined the Australian Imperial Force as a gunner, he was captured by the Japanese in Malaya on January 25, 1942, his 21st birthday. Out of his experiences as a prisoner of war came what was undoubtedly his most vivid book, *The Naked Island* (1951), which was superbly illustrated by Ronald Searle. The book made his name overnight, became a bestseller and was even turned into a play.

By 1974 it had sold its millionth copy, and a party was given by the publishers to celebrate this triumph. Braddon badly embarrassed them by dismissing his work as a "silly little book" and "a load of rubbish", adding that the Second World War was "totally irrelevant today". The fact that he attended the celebratory party revealed, however, another aspect of his personality: a born *provocateur*, he did not always intend everything he said to be taken seriously.

Sometimes, though, he would make attacks on individuals and this caused his reputation more damage, especially when he got his facts wrong. There was a period in his life when he seemed obsessed by "the yellow peril", expressing frequent anxieties about China and openly announcing that he regarded as



his most important book one published in 1983 with the slightly clumsy title, *The Other Hundred Years War — Japan's Bid for Supremacy, 1941-2041*.

One of his more noteworthy biographies was that of his fellow-Australian, Joan Sutherland. Published in 1962, it was generally praised, although some felt that it put too much emphasis on the sufferings of the singer in the interests of her art. The musical world was also slightly sniffy, catching Braddon out in a number of elementary errors and noting that he was not a true opera buff.

In 1965 when the film *King Rat*, adapted by Bryan Forbes from James Clavell's novel, opened in London, Braddon attacked it on grounds of inaccuracy. A row ensued between him and Clavell, who was able to show that the conditions Braddon had experienced in the other ranks' encampment had been different from those that Clavell had known as an officer. Such controversy was invariably meat and drink to Braddon — one reason why he became invaluable to the BBC as a merchant of instant, though not always well-founded, opinion.

Among his more solid achievements was his biography of Lord Thomson of Fleet, already the owner of *The Scotsman* and *The Sunday Times* (though not by then of *The Times*), which appeared in 1965. Written with a measure of co-operation from its subject, it presented a lively portrait of Roy Thomson as an entrepreneur — down to and including his habit of insisting on taking his breakfast in a workmen's café, even when staying at the Savoy.

Later non-fiction included a somewhat superficial account of the Suez crisis of 1956, *Suez: The Splitting of a Nation* (1973) and *Images of Australia* (1988).

Braddon's many novels were never regarded as profound; but then they were never composed with profundity, or even elegance of style, in mind. They were, however, widely appreciated for their ingenuity and efficiency. Braddon gave value for money. His novels ranged from futuristic fantasies such as *The Year of the Angry Rabbit* (1964), through war novels such as *When the Enemy is Tired* (1968), which was set in Vietnam, to detective stories such as *End Play* (1974).

Russell Braddon lived for more than forty years in Britain, returning to Australia only in 1993. He never married.

PEGGY PUREY-CUST

Peggy Purey-Cust, childhood neighbour of John Betjeman, died in Minehead, Somerset, on March 22 aged 89. She was born in London on October 12, 1905.



THE name of Peggy Purey-Cust will be known to all lovers of John Betjeman's poetry through his autobiographical volume *Summoned by Bells*. In the third chapter of this, which recalled his Highgate upbringing, Betjeman described Peggy as "my first and purest love".

Humility, gentleness and a sense of humour characterised Peggy Purey-Cust throughout her long life. She retained the beauty, poise and purity that Betjeman noted, and was a loving person who devoted most of her life to the service of others.

Peggy Marjorie Purey-Cust was the daughter of Admiral Sir Herbert Purey-Cust, the chief hydrographer in the Royal Navy, and Alice Hepburn, from Australia. Peggy was the last surviving grandchild of Arthur Purey-Cust, Dean of York from 1880 to 1916, after whom a nursing home in York is named. On her mother's side, she was a great granddaughter of John Hepburn, one of the founders of the town of Smeaton Hill in Victoria, Australia, in 1838.

Betjeman and Purey-Cust lived as children in West Hill, Highgate, the young John at number 31 and Peggy at the top of the hill at number 82. At Byron House School in Hampstead Lane they performed together in an adaptation of Christina Rossetti's *The Months*, Peggy as one of the months, John as a robin.

Peggy clearly made a lasting impression on the young Betjeman, and he was infatuated with more than her poetic sounding name — "all my loves since then / Have had a look of Peggy Purey-Cust" — but the childhood relationship was not to develop further. It seems that Betjeman was sent packing. His book *Summoned by Bells* goes on to explain how, having been invited once for tea, he was never asked again. After the tea he called on Peggy many times but was always told that she was out, away or unwell. When she was sick he took her "*House of The Sleeping Winds*, / My favourite book with whirling art-nouveau / And Walter Crane-ish colour plates" to cheer her up, but this was merely taken in to her. "Weeks passed and passed ... and then it was returned. / Oh gone for ever, Peggy Purey-Cust!"

Many years later, when interviewed on television in 1983, Betjeman expressed his wonder as to the whereabouts of Peggy Purey-Cust. She wrote to him with her address and a short correspondence followed, in which he assured her: "I remember your golden hair and how it inspired my youthful attempts at poetry."

Peggy's life was clouded by the death of her elder brother, Sub-Lieutenant Arthur John Purey-Cust, killed aboard *HMS Strongbow* in October 1917, aged just 16. Peggy's father died in 1938, and she left London with her mother and aunt for Minehead at the start of the war in 1939.

Peggy Purey-Cust stayed in Minehead for the rest of her life, apart from seven years in the 1960s when she lived in Melbourne, Australia. She remaining single and cared devotedly for her mother and aunt in their old age.

She was a keen member of the Minehead Painters Group and St Michael's Church and she enjoyed reading poetry, travelling and seeing friends and cousins. For the last eight years she had lived in Blenheim Lodge Nursing Home.

Church appointments

The Rev Anthony Yates, Vicar, Fenton (Lichfield): to be Vicar, St Augustine w St John, *Kilburn (London)*.

The Rev Frank Sears, Vicar, St Thomas, Trowbridge and West Ashton: to be also Hospital Chaplain, Trowbridge group — St John's Hospital, Trowbridge; and Trowbridge Community Hospital *(Salisbury)*.

The Rev Martin Smith, Rector, Colkirk w Oxwick, Whissonsett, Horningtoft and Brisley; Priest-in- charge, Great w Little Ryburgh, Testerton, Gately and Hempton w Pudding Norton: to be Priest-in-charge, Norwich St John Timberhill w St Julian (Norwich).

The Rev Nicholas Von Benzon, Assistant (NSM) to the Rural Dean, Dallington (Chichester): to be Assistant Curate, Warminster St Denys, Corsley w Chapmanslade, and The Deverills, and Team Vicar, designate of the proposed Cley Hill Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev Andrew Wagstaff, Vicar, St George w St John the Baptist, Nottingham: to be Vicar of the benefice of Worksop - Priory of St Mary and St Cuthbert w Carburton, covering the churches of Worksop St Mary and St Cuthbert; St Mary the Virgin, Clumber Park, and St Giles, Carburton (Southwell).

The Rev Richard Wallace, Vicar, St Dunstan, Bellingham (Southwark): to be Rector, Stanley (Durham).

The Rev Ben Whitaker, Assistant Curate, St Helen's, Abingdon (Oxford): to be Chaplain to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Sherborne Episcopal Area (Salisbury).

The Rev Brian Williams, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Liss: to be Assistant Curate, St Mark, North End w special responsibility for St Nicholas (Portsmouth).

The Rev Alison Woodhouse, Curate, St John, Burscough: to be Priest-in-charge, St Luke, Formby (Liverpool).

The Rev Ruth Yeoman, Assistant Curate, Saints Peter and Paul, Coleshill: to be Assistant Curate, Saints Philip and James, Hodge Hill, and Diocesan Children's Adviser (Birmingham).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Richard Basten, Rector, Rowde and Poulshot (Salisbury): retired as from February 28.

The Rev Canon Paul Bunday, Team Rector, Whitton Team Ministry (Salisbury): to retire as from May 31.

The Rev Canon Maurice Burrell, Diocesan Director of Training and an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral (Norwich): to retire as from August 31.

The Rev Colin Godfrey, Chaplain to HM Prison, Highpoint, Stradishall (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): retired as from February 19.

The Rev Raymond Houldsworth, Vicar, Minster w Monkton (Canterbury): to retire as from June 30.

The Rev Jamie Hartridge, Assistant Curate, St Cuthbert, Copnor (Portsmouth): resigned as from February 28.

The Rev Christina Hunt, Curate (NSM), Alderbury Team Ministry (Salisbury): retired as from December 16 1994.

SOCIETY IN NEW YORK.

(From the *New York Times*)

Readers of the *New York Times* will recollect that we have had to make many expostulations against gross extravagance, but until the exigencies and misfortunes of the panic furnished a text for preaching economy as a patriotic duty there was, without doubt, considerable difficulty in any effort to inaugurate social retrenchment. While there are at least 100 families whose position is so secure that they can spend as much as they like or as little as they please without incurring any attacks on the ground of display or meanness, it must be granted that the major part of our social world consists of *novi homines*, who feel themselves bound to do as others do.

The fashion in toilets also has shown a marked spirit of economy. Last year the milliners and the ladies between them seemed to be trying to spend money, to waste material, to produce the least possible effect at the greatest possible cost. Postillon jackets, paniers, overskirts, &c., positively were heaped one upon the other until a lady's dress consumed 44 yards of silk. Now the polonaise and skirt, even when highly trimmed, do not require more than 28 yards. All the Sardanapalian riot of former seasons has

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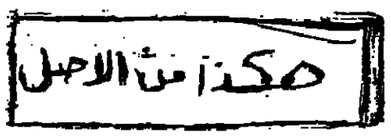
This account of retrenchment in New York society after a period of extravagance may strike a chord with viewers of The Buccaneers *on television, with its tales of money made and lost, while young women from across the Atlantic seek aristocratic English husbands.*

punch, the champagne, the hecatombs of birds, the piles of fried oysters, the lobster salad, and all the old incentives to over-eating and intoxication have passed away. It seems to be recognised now that an assembly is not an occasion for feasting; it is simply one of those social devices by which people come to know each other. Twenty years ago there was comparatively a greater demand for Lafitte, Chateau Margaux, Chateau Latour, La Rose, &c. Now the inquiries are for St Emilion, St Estephe, St Florent and similar brands.

Another sign of retrenchment is visible in the floral displays at entertainments. Last season the outlay in this particular was nothing less than frenzied. Flowers for a single party, especially on bridal occasions, would often cost over $500. These enormous sums do not indicate the value of the flowers so much as the labour and the distorted ingenuity evinced in eccentric patterns. The bell of camellias, tube roses, and blush, or tea roses, which was suspended over the heads of the bride and groom, was often a masterpiece of folly.

With regard to expenditure in carriages, this is a luxury which the conditions of Manhattan Island have made a necessity. The time is passed when a man would go into a carriage-maker's store of a morning and buy an eight-spring carriage for $3,500 to give to a friend. These things belonged to the Tammany times, and are not repeated now. During the panic there was a sudden diminution in the sale of such things, but since January it has been rather greater than during the same period last year. And there has been a steady downcome in the prices also. A lady can now have a neat coupé for $1,400, or a laundaulet for $1,900.

The wicked, senseless extravagance which did come from certain cliques, and which reached its climax in the winter of 1872-73, has passed away, it is to be hoped, for ever.



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NEWS

Major 'ready to drop Hanley'

■ Senior Tories believe John Major has decided to move Jeremy Hanley from his post as Conservative Party Chairman. The prediction came as Cabinet jitters over the future of the Prime Minister led two senior ministers to contradict one another about the likelihood of a leadership challenge.

Well-placed sources say Mr Major is expected to wait until a summer reshuffle to move Mr Hanley to another post or drop him from the Cabinet .....Page 1

Armed forces pay under review

■ The armed forces are expected to be switched to performance-related pay in a radical review of service conditions recommended by a Ministry of Defence report to be published next week. Allowances that have added significantly to pay packets are also to be cut back .....Page 1

Call for action

The Clinton Administration was urged last night to consider taking military action against Baghdad after two Americans were jailed for eight years for straying across the Kuwaiti border into Iraq .....Pages 1, 13

£200m 'kept back'

Water companies have increased profits by leaving unspent more than £200 million intended for renewing pipes and sewers, while customers have been charged extra to pay for the repairs, according to BBC1's *Panorama*.. Page 2

Judge apologises

A judge will make a formal apology in open court this week after saying that a defendant did not "need to stoop so low" as to employ the services of a solicitor-advocate rather than those of a barrister .....Page 3

Brake on tolls

The prospect of motorway tolls in Britain faded yesterday when the Government gave its strongest signal yet that the controversial proposals would be scrapped .....Page 5

Over the road

Residents of the pit village of Arkwright will soon pack their bags, cross the road and settle into the new Arkwright 500 yards away, where the whole village has been replicated at a cost of £15 million .....Page 6

Vaccine warning

Family doctors were warned yesterday that giving the wrong dose of diphtheria vaccine to schoolchildren could kill. Last week 250 children at two schools suffered severe reactions after receiving an overdose .....Page 7

Polls offer hope

A twitch in French opinion polls has offered a glimmer of hope to the beleaguered Edouard Balladur and alerted Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist favourite, to the dangers of arrogance .....Page 8

No frontiers

A frontier-free European Union became a step closer yesterday with the abolition of passport checks, immigration controls, and all other frontier formalities in seven of the fifteen member states .....Page 10

Queen's triumph

Buckingham Palace described the Queen's six-day tour of South Africa as one of the most successful and significant of her reign, while the Queen described it as one of the outstanding experiences of her life .....Page 12

Tyson home

Mike Tyson spent the weekend in his sprawling brick mansion in Ohio, the perfect refuge for a man who spent three years in a prison cell. Today he is due to meet his probation officer in nearby Youngstown .....Page 13

From Catherine, with love

■ Intimate letters written by Catherine the Great to one of her lovers have appeared on the market more than a century after historians assumed they had been lost. The letters, which confirm Catherine's reputation for having a voracious sexual appetite, were written in 1778 and 1779 to Ivan Nikolaevich Rimsky-Korsakov, a captain of the palace guards .....Page 3



Members of the Communist Party youth league recite slogans in Shangai at the weekend. Common slogans exhort passers-by to keep the city tidy, to have only one child and to work diligently for the good of the country

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New brew: Scottish & Newcastle is set to buy Courage for £600 million in a deal likely to shake up the brewing industry ..... Page 44

Strange signs: The "for sale" sign at Hill Samuel was officially taken down a year ago but rumours that TSB is to sell off the merchant bank keep resurfacing .....Page 42

No answers: More than 1,000 Cheltenham & Gloucester members who attended a special meeting found none of their questions about the proposed £1.8 billion takeover were answered ..... Page 44

Pay talks: Four out of five personnel directors and managers believe action over executive pay is necessary. Almost three quarters feel shareholders should should approve directors' pay ..... Page 44

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Balanced picture? United Nations experts are about to meet at a convention on climate where they will discuss the threat of global warming. But can they rely on their figures? ..... Page 16

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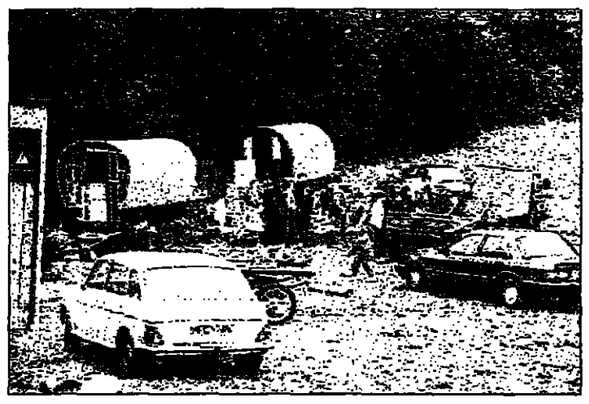
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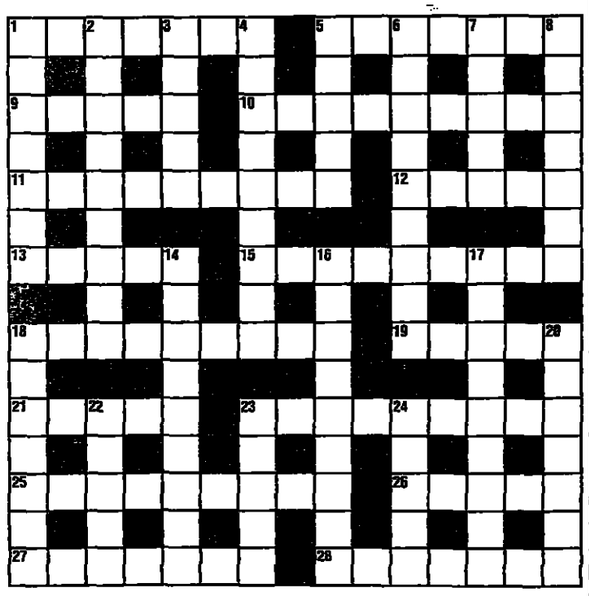
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, and Salcombe, Devon, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Glasgow, 0.19in; highest sunshine: Scilly, 9.7hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have sunny spells with a few wintry showers, especially in the east. Southern England will be cloudy at first, with some rain or sleet. Fresh to strong northwesterly winds.

Scotland and Northern Ireland are also expected to have sunny spells and wintry showers, mostly in the north and east of Scotland. Snow may reach Northern Ireland during the evening. Fresh to strong northwesterly winds will become light.

☐ **London, E Anglia, E England, N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Glasgow:** sunny intervals and showers, some heavy, dying out later. Wind strong north or northwesterly, moderating later. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **S E England, Central S England, Channel Isles, S W England:** rain at first, perhaps sleet on hills, then sunny spells and scattered showers. Wind strong northwesterly, becoming light westerly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, N W England, Lake District, Central N England:** sunny spells and scattered showers, dying out later. Wind strong northerly, becoming light westerly. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **N Wales, Isle of Man, S W Scotland, Argyll:** sunny spells and showers. Wind fresh northerly, turning light westerly. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny intervals and wintry showers, some heavy with hail and thunder. Wind strong northerly becoming light westerly. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **N Ireland:** sunny spells, perhaps the odd shower, snow later. Wind fresh northwesterly, becoming southerly later. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain or snow tomorrow, brighter and drier on Wednesday.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.6	0.08	7	45	b	Lltlehmptn	5.8	-	14	57	b
Anglesey	0.9	0.02	11	52	d	Liverpool	2.7	0.01	8	46	d
Aspatria	x					London	4.3	0.06	13	55	r
Aviemore	1.1	0.18	5	41	r	Manchester	2.8	0.06	10	50	r
Belfast	0.2	0.04	10	50	r	Margate	4.1	-	12	54	b
Birmingham	2.7	-	11	52	r	Minehead	4.3	-	13	55	b
Bognor R	5.5	-	14	57	b	Morecambe	1.6	0.18	9	48	r
Bournem'th	5.0	-	14	57	b	Newcastle	5.3	0.03	9	48	r
Bristol	1.7	-	13	54	c	Newquay	x				
Buxton	4.7	0.13	7	45	c	Norwich	x				
Cardiff	1.6	-	12	54	d	Nottingham	x				
Clacton	3.2	0.02	12	54	c	Oxford	5.7	0.02	13	55	b
Cleethorpes	x					Penzance	y				
Colwyn Bay	1.8	0.10	11	52	c	Plymouth	2.6	-	13	55	c
Cromer	7.0	-	9	48	s	Poole	5.0	-	15	59	b
Doncaster	4.5	0.01	10	50	s	Prestatyn	x	-	10	50	d
Dunbar	x					Ross-o-wye	4.7	-	13	55	c
Eastbourne	4.7	-	14	57	s	Salcombe	3.7	-	15	59	b
Edinburgh	2.4	0.06	8	46	r	Sandown	6.1	-	15	59	b
Eskdalemuir	2.8	x	7	45	sl	Saumin Snd	2.0	-	11	52	b
Exmouth	x					Scarboro'	x				
Falmouth	x					Scilly Isles	9.7	-	13	55	s
Fishguard	2.6	-	11	52	d	Shanklin	7.0	-	14	57	b
Folkstone	4.8	0.01	14	57	r	Shrewsbury	1.8	0.01	10	50	c
Glasgow	2.6	0.19	9	48	r	Skegness	x		9	48	s
Guernsey	3.1	-	14	57	c	Southport	3.3	0.04	9	48	d
Hastings	6.2	-	14	57	s	Southsea	6.2	-	14	57	b
Havling I.	4.9	-	14	57	b	Stornoway	1.0	0.11	6	43	r
Herne Bay	3.5	-	12	54	b	Swanage	4.2	-	14	57	b
Hove	5.7	-	15	59	s	Teignmouth	6.3	-	14	57	s
Hunstanton	5.8	-	9	48	s	Tenby	1.8	-	12	54	c
Ilfracombe	x					Tiree		0.17	9	48	r
Isle of Man	1.0	0.01	11	52	r	Torquay	5.4	-	14	57	b
Jersey	0.1	-	12	54	c	Tynemouth	-	0.04	9	48	r
Kinloss	x					Ventnor	7.3	-	15	59	b
Leeds	4.0		9	48	s	Weymouth	2.7	-	13	55	c
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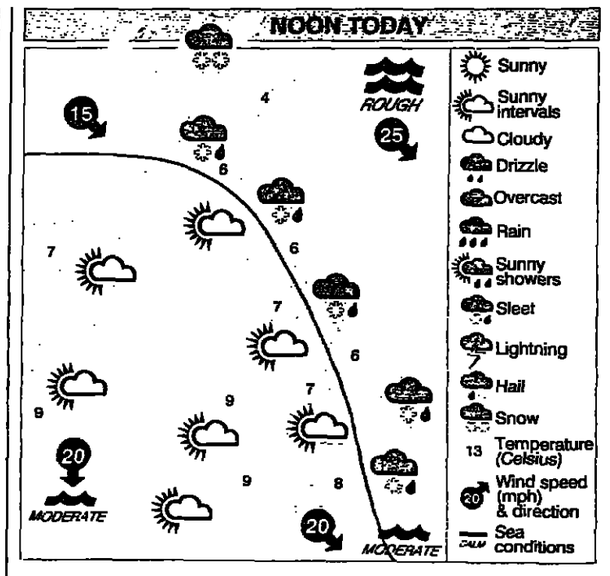
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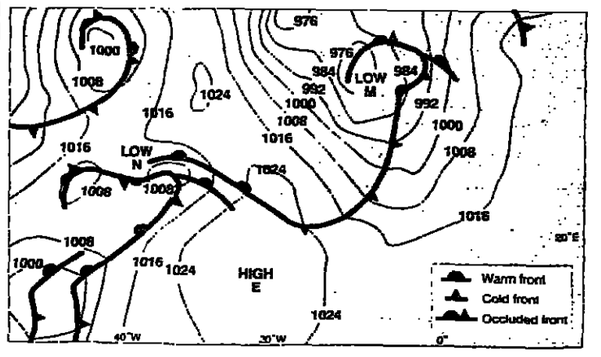
Ajaccio	15	59	s	C'phagn	6	43	r	Madrid	19	66	s
Alicante	15	59	s	Corfu	16	61	t	Majorca	19	66	s
Algeciras	16	61	c	Dublin	11	52	r	Malaga	18	64	s
Algiers	20	68	s	Dubrovnik	14	57	r	Malta	17	63	s
Amst'dam	10	50	c	Faro	20	68	s	Melbourne	17	63	r
Athens	17	63	s	Florence	14	57	c	Mexico C	25	77	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Frankfurt	9	48	r	Miami	28	82	t
Bangkok	31	88	t	Funchal	18	66	s	Milan	16	61	c
Barbados	30	86	s	Geneva	12	54	r	Montreal	8	46	s
Barcelona	15	59	s	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Moscow	7	39	r
Beirut	17	63	t	Helsinki	4	39	r	Munich	10	50	c
Belgrade	6	43	r	Hong K	19	66	c	Nairobi	26	79	t
Berlin	9	48	s	Innsbruck	13	55	c	Naples	16	61	t
Bermuda	18	64	s	Istanbul	13	55	s	N Delhi	24	75	r
Biarritz	13	55	c	Jeddah	27	81	s	N York	9	48	r
Bordeaux	16	61	r	Jo'burg	14	57	r	Nice	15	59	c
Brussels	10	50	c	Karachi	x			Oslo	2	36	c
Budapst	10	50	r	L Palmas	25	77	s	Paris	14	57	t
B Aires	29	84	t	La Tquet	10	50	t	Peking	19	66	c
Cairo	18	64	s	Lisbon	20	68	s	Prague	5	41	c
Cape Tn	22	72	t	Locarno	21	70	s	Reykjavik	-1	30	s
Chicago	14	57	s	L Angels	17	63	s	Rhodes	16	61	s
Ch'church	16	61	r	Luxmbg	8	46	d	Rio de J	24	75	r
Cologne	9	48	c	Luxor	21	70	s	Riyadh	24	75	s
Rome	14	57	t
Salzburg	11	52	r
S F'risco	12	54	s
Santiago	29	77	s
S Paulo	19	66	c
Seoul	9	48	t
Sing'por	33	90	t
St'kholm	6	43	s
Strasb'rg	11	52	c
Sydney	22	72	c
Tangier	21	70	t
Tel Aviv	14	57	s
Tenerife	24	75	s
Tokyo	4	39	r
Toronto	9	48	s
Tunis	22	72	s
Valencia	19	66	s
Vanc'ver	6	43	s
Venice	15	59	t
Vienna	5	41	r
Warsaw	1	34	s
Wash'ton	11	52	s
Wel'ngton	18	64	r
Zurich	10	50	c

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NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: high E expands eastwards; low N plunges southeastwards and deepens, low M will edge northwards and fill



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.49	6.21	11.10	6.47	Leith	11.29	4.76	-	-
Aberdeen	10.31	3.72	11.29	3.93	Liverpool	8.15	8.37	8.56	8.29
Avonmouth	3.54	11.09	4.33	11.41	Lowestoft	6.46	2.21	6.49	2.18
Belfast	8.08	3.39	8.47	3.17	Margate	9.16	4.35	9.36	4.27
Cardiff	2.55	10.36	4.24	10.13	Milford Haven	3.16	5.86	3.50	5.91
Devonport	1.30	4.20	3.15	4.70	Newquay	2.46	5.88	3.40	5.93
Dover	8.05	5.57	8.41	5.85	Oban	3.11	3.33	3.00	3.14
Dublin	8.43	3.97	9.50	3.82	Penzance	1.43	4.62	2.21	4.58
Falmouth	2.06	4.64	12.42	4.42	Portland	3.25	1.57	4.16	1.52
Glasgow	2.58	4.23	10.01	4.27	Portsmouth	8.23	4.06	9.04	4.37
Hartlepool	8.51	3.54	9.16	3.43	Sheerness	9.29	5.22	9.01	5.54
Holyhead	7.27	4.62	8.15	4.90	Southampton	7.59	3.95	8.36	4.19
Hull	3.26	8.43	3.34	8.56	Swansea	3.17	8.05	3.52	8.15
Ilfracombe	2.35	7.65	3.29	7.93	Tees	9.32	4.50	9.55	4.59
Kinq's Lynn	3.09	5.67	3.30	6.00	Wilton on-Hull	8.52	3.76	9.13	3.71

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.46 am
Sun sets: 7.25 pm
Moon sets 6.22 am
Moon rises 7.58 pm

London 7.25 pm to 6.48 am
Bristol 7.25 pm to 6.58 pm
Edinburgh 7.40 pm to 6.57 am
Manchester 7.35 pm to 6.55 am
Penzance 7.46 pm to 7.10 am

Full moon today

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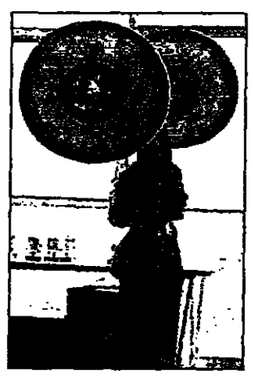
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Heading for the river with eights by the dozen

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Girls start to lift barriers in all-male preserve

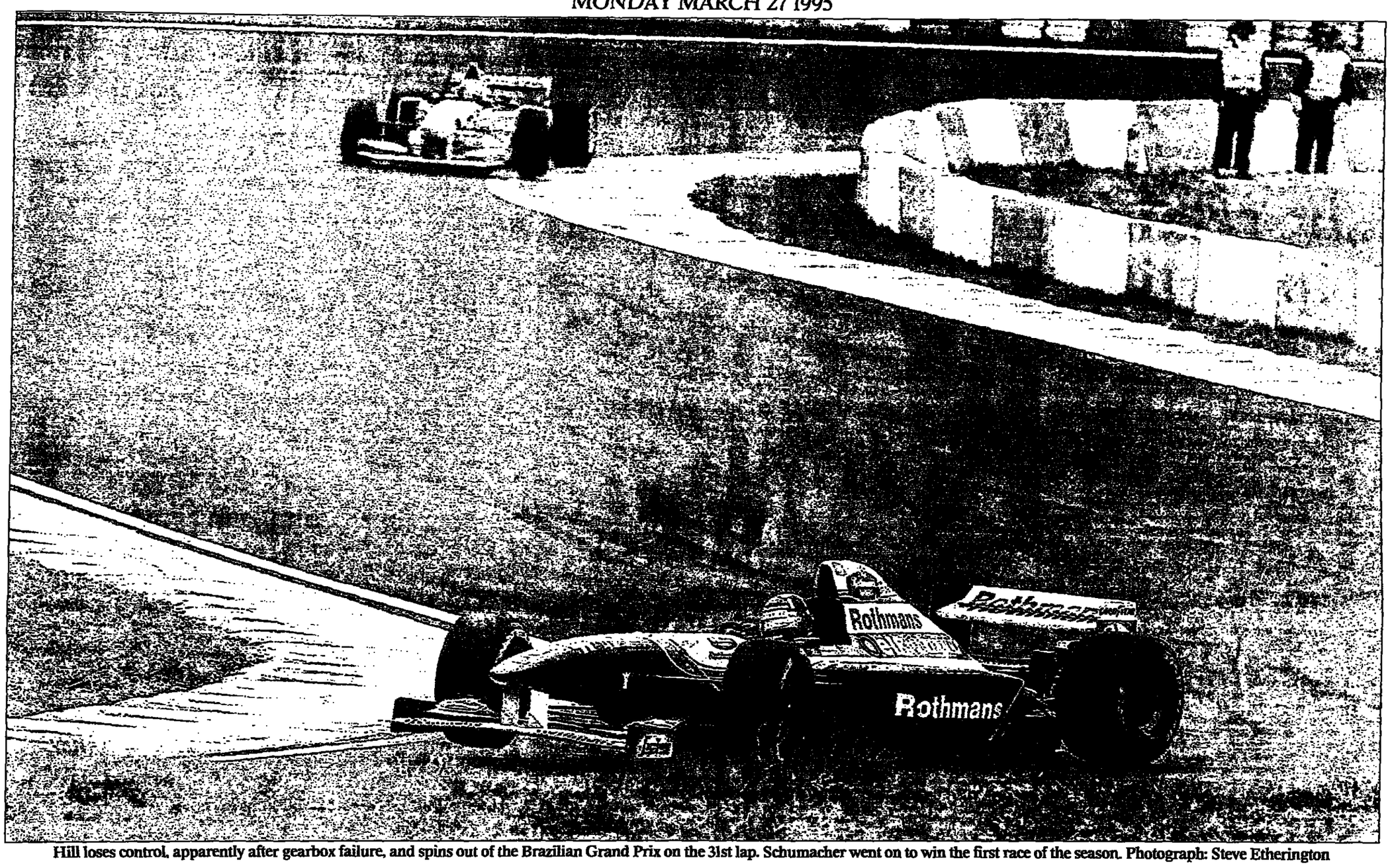
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TIMES SPORT

MONDAY MARCH 27 1995



Hill loses control, apparently after gearbox failure, and spins out of the Brazilian Grand Prix on the 31st lap. Schumacher went on to win the first race of the season. Photograph: Steve Etherington

Hill spins out leaving Coulthard to challenge champion

Schumacher draws first blood

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN SÃO PAULO

THE first breeze of a sultry, oppressive week blew through the natural amphitheatre that cradles this track yesterday. It bore Michael Schumacher along with it through banks of supporters dressed in yellow and blue, past the stricken Williams-Renault of Damon Hill lying stationary in the grass and just out of the reach of the charging David Coulthard, on to victory in the Brazilian Grand Prix.

But it could not blow away the smell of controversy and discord that everyone hoped had vanished with the end of last season. Both the Benetton and Williams teams were fined $30,000 (£20,000) before the start of the race because the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA) discovered irregularities in ELF fuel samples taken on Saturday.

Schumacher's Benetton-Renault and Coulthard's Williams-Renault both fell foul of tests. The results of another sample, taken after yesterday's race, may not be known for another week and, if they too are unsatisfactory, both men's results could be wiped out. First place, by default, would go to Gerhard Berger.

That is not likely to happen because it would be an act of rank stupidity for ELF to have persisted with the fuel once it had been deemed illegal, but still this was just what Formula One had hoped to avoid.

Everything else went to plan: a close race, no accidents, no problems with refuelling. But the sport needed a victory with no question marks over the victor. A race loses some of its thrill if doubt lingers over the result and a victory depends on the outcome of a laboratory test.

The pity is the greater in that the race and the performances of Schumacher and Coulthard did much to compensate for the absence of Ayrton Senna at his home track. Schumacher won against the odds after a weekend plagued by uncertainty and uncharacteristic losses of control, and Coulthard pushed him all the way.

The German world champion blitzed his way past Hill, who was starting from pole position and led in to the first corner. For 19 laps, it appeared that the pair were re-enacting their struggle in Adelaide at the end of last season. Hill stuck close to Schumacher's tail and almost overtook him on the fourth lap. The young German fended him off and, as Hill tried to recover his position, Coulthard drew alongside his teammate and narrowly failed to go into second place. The front two duelled like that until Schumacher made his first pit stop after 19 laps.

Hill made his stop three laps later but emerged in the lead and seemed to be firmly in the driving seat. But then, on the 31st lap, Hill lost control of the Williams coming down the Descida do Sol and slithered into the grass by the side of the track. It later emerged that he had lost second gear a lap earlier and, it seems, a gearbox problem may have caused his downfall.

"Something certainly broke," Hill said. "And it put me out of the race. It is an enormous shame and I am bitterly disappointed because, until then, it had been a very close and exciting race and I thought I had the edge today. You just do not need this type of thing to happen. A championship is hard enough without technical problems forcing you out in only the first race."

Hill's early demise has not only ceded the early championship momentum to Schumacher but has created a fascinating position within the Williams team, with Coulthard, the junior partner, now holding the advantage. The Scot, 23, led for much of the race after Schumacher had made his second pit stop but Benetton's strategy of making three stops paid dividends and Schumacher emerged from his final refuelling with a four-second lead which he doubled by the end of the race.

It was a particularly sweet victory for Schumacher on the outskirts of this sprawling South American city. It was here that he first de-throned Senna last year when the Brazilian spun off towards the end of the race while trying to catch the German. Schumacher's win yesterday, when he was again expected to trail Hill's Williams, may prove to be just as important a result for him because Benetton are likely to get stronger as the season continues.

The Brazilian crowd had flocked here as much for the man who was not racing as for those who were. They came for the tributes, the Ayrton Senna Fan Club parade and the squadron of nine acrobatic planes, spiralling high above the grandstands to make the shape of an "S".

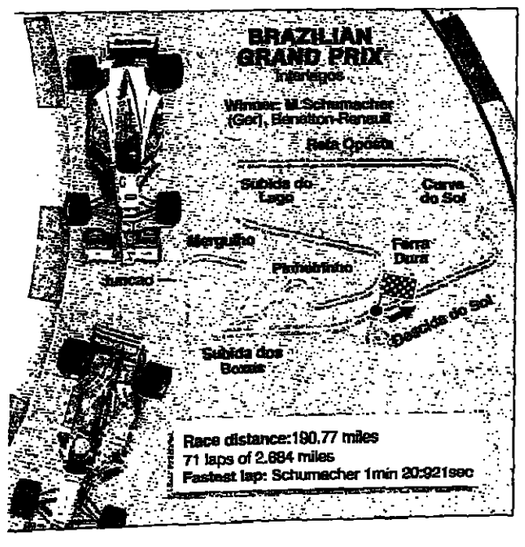
A spirit of carnival more than one of mourning, though, pervaded the day. More than six hours before the race began, queues of fans snaked back along the main road leading to the track, past the warren of slums that bordered the circuit. Street hawkers pedalled all manner of Senna T-shirts, showing images from every stage of his career.

Inside, after the tribute had been made, the crowd, which numbered nearly 70,000, banished the past and concentrated on the race ahead. They beat drums and sang songs about the new object of their hopes, Rubens Barrichello, the young Jordan driver.

Barrichello retired with engine problems after 19 laps though and, as other leading contenders like Johnny Herbert and Hill were forced out of the race early, the McLarens of Mika Häkkinen and Mark Blundell came into the reckoning.

Singled out for ridicule before the race because of the fiasco surrounding Nigel Mansell's incompatibility with his cockpit, his replacement, Blundell, silenced the laughter with sixth place. Häkkinen drove superbly to finish fourth.

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DETAILS FROM SÃO PAULO

Results

1. M Schumacher (Ger) Benetton-Renault, 1hr 38min 34.154sec
2. D Coulthard (GB) Williams-Renault, 1:38:42.214
3. G Berger (Austria) Ferrari, 1 lap behind
4. M Hakkinen (Fin) McLaren-Mercedes, 1 lap behind
5. J Alesi (Fr) Ferrari, 1 lap behind
6. M Blundell (GB) McLaren-Mercedes, 1 lap behind
7. M Salo (Fin) Tyrrell-Yamaha, 2 laps behind; 8. A Suzuki (Japan) Ligier-Mugen Honda, 2 laps behind; 9. A Montermini (It) Pacific-Lotus-Ford, 6 laps behind; 10. P Diniz (Br) Forti-Ford, 7 laps behind.

Championship positions

Drivers: 1, Schumacher 10pts; 2, Coulthard 6; 3, Berger 4; 4, Hakkinen 3; 5, Alesi 2; 6, Blundell 1.
Constructors: 1, Benetton 10pts; equal 2, Williams, Ferrari 6; 4, McLaren 4.

Final qualifying times

1, D Hill (GB), Williams, 1min 20.081sec; 2, Schumacher, 1.20.382; 3, Coulthard, 1.20.422; 4, J Herbert (GB), Benetton, 1.20.888; 5, Berger, 1.20.906; 6, Alesi, 1.21.041; 7, Hakkinen, 1.21.393; 8, E Irvine (GB), Jordan, 1.21.749; 9, Blundell, 1.21.779; 10, O Panis (Fr), Ligier, 1.21.914; 11, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell, 1.22.325; 12, Salo, 1.22.416; 13, G Morbidelli (It), Footwork, 1.22.468; 14, H-H Frentzen (Ger), Sauber, 1.22.872; 15, Suzuki, 1.22.971; 16, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan, 1.22.975; 17, P Martini (It), Minardi, 1.24.383; 18, L Badoer (It), Minardi, 1.24.443; 19, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, 1.24.723; 20, B Gachot (Fr), Pacific, 1.25.127; 21, T Inoue (Japan), Footwork, 1.25.225; 22, Montermini, 1.25.686; 23, R Moreno (Br), Forti, 1.26.269; 24, J Verstappen (Holl), Simtek, 1.26.323; 25, Diniz, 1.27.792; 26, D Schiattarella (It), Simtek, 1.28.106.

Remaining races

Apr 9: Argentina (Buenos Aires)
Apr 30: San Marino (Imola)
May 14: Spain (Barcelona)
May 28: Monaco (Monte Carlo)
June 11: Canada (Montreal)
July 2: France (Magny-Cours)
July 16: Britain (Silverstone)
July 30: Germany (Hockenheim)
Aug 27: Belgium (Spa)
Sept 10: Italy (Monza)
Sept 24: Portugal (Estoril)
Oct 1: Europe (Nurburgring, Ger)
Oct 22: Pacific (Aida, Japan)
Oct 29: Japan (Suzuka)
Nov 12: Australia (Adelaide)

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TV ACTION REPLAY

Was ever a nation in such thrall to television as the United States? A population of 250 million, 95.4 million households with televisions, zillions of sets. Laura Davies, the golfer, who has 18 televisions in her house in Surrey, must feel at home in the country that worships the cathode ray.

No leading sport in the US goes unnoticed by the cameras or unwatched by the population. When Michael Jordan made his basketball comeback for the Chicago Bulls last week, one seventh of the population watched it on television. You can watch sport on television round the clock in the United States. There is even one channel devoted to golf, 24 hours each day, seven days each week.

Between 11am and 9.30pm on Saturday, it was possible to see the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) men's and women's basketball, men's and women's professional golf, tennis, tenpin bowling, car racing, professional basketball, soccer. Twelve stations, 12 flicks of the remote-control button.

The day began with news items about sports personalities. It always does in America these days. First Mike Tyson, whose release from jail merited four minutes of filmed report followed by several minutes more of interviews with boxing experts. Americans do things thoroughly. They always go the extra yard.

Then came the greatest television saga since Dallas, the latest in the O. J. Simpson trial. This is my third visit to the United States in nine months and each time Simpson has been making the news. Last June it was the enthralling car chase, every last yard of which was covered by television. Last August, it was the arraignment. Now it is details of the trial. It is Perry Mason all over again.

Throughout Saturday, sport on television rolled on. Women's tennis, men's golf, the countdown to the NCAA basketball championship's Final Four. A glutton could have gorged on what was on offer. Don't like wrestling? Flick to another channel. There were more than 70 on the set in my Florida hotel. The demand for sport is enormous ... and growing. ESPN — the Entertainment Sports Programming Network — has just added a second channel.

Much of golf on American television is a delight, though the colours are too vivid and the first few references to "the backside" meaning the inward nine holes jarred. Then I remembered it was in Jacksonville that a man had told me about a car accident in which there had been "a fairly serious fatality". I remembered also seeing a sign saying "live recorded music" and another "ears pierced while you wait".

According to American television, Prince Charles is campaigning for a return to the King's English. He would tear out what is left of his hair were he to attempt the same this side of the Atlantic.

In transmitting The Players' Championship, the NBC network demonstrated an impressive commitment to inform. Dave Marr, who is familiar to BBC viewers, and the incisive Johnnie Miller in the commentary booth, are outstanding golf analysts. NBC's foot soldiers seemed better than the BBC's. There were more of them, they covered more holes. One never had a sense they were straining, as one does sometimes with the BBC's golf, when so much is thrust on to the shoulders of Peter Alliss.

Golf turned to tennis, to more about Tyson, to the latest in the college basketball, reports of Jordan v Shaquille O'Neal in a professional basketball match the night before. Amateur basketball has an extra dimension in 1995. At a time when baseball players are on strike, when there has been an ice hockey lockout, when a boxer has been serving a jail sentence and a famous former footballer is on a murder charge, the excitement of amateur basketball is heightened. It is real sport, relatively untainted.

For a few hours one was a voyeur, peeping at strands of a country's subculture. An American said sport was the toy department of life. America at play is as impressive as America at work and television brings it all home to you.

Japanese overpowered by champion out to retain the No 1 ranking

Graf eases home as she retains Lipton title

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA

STEFFI GRAF is about to endure an exercise that will be about as taxing as the predictably one-sided women's final of the Lipton Championships on Saturday.

She is to spend four days lounging on a Floridian beach, showering occasionally for cameras shooting a television commercial advertising a deodorant called Rexona.

During her restful recuperation after retaining the title by dismissing Kimiko Date in a mere 78 minutes, she will consider her forthcoming schedule. Wherever and whenever she decides to re-

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turn to the travelling circus, her greatest concern will again be not the opposition but her own physical condition.

Although she has felt no adverse reaction in her lower spine since she returned from an absence of effectively five months, she expressed misgivings about how her back will stand up to the different demands of clay. She is less comfortable on that surface than on the relatively unyielding hard courts.

"It is the sliding," she said. "That is a lot tougher on my sacroilian joint [the area which was damaged initially at the Canadian Open last August]. When I tried in December, it just didn't work." She is to attempt to correct the problem over the next few weeks.

She does not yet know whether she will represent Germany in the Federation Cup, which is this year being played under a new format. If she does, she will not demand a fee, unlike Boris Becker (who is reported to receive more than $2 million to appear in the Davis Cup) and Michael Stich (half as much).

"I don't care about the money if I am playing for my country," she said, barely disguising her criticism of her compatriots. "It has been such a big issue in Germany and I think it is terrible the way it has been going so far. I have no intentions of doing something like that."

Not that she is short of a penny or two. In successfully defending the Lipton Championship, as she did in 1988, she collected more than $200,000. Her overall earnings rose to more than $15 million, a total surpassed by only one other woman, Martina Navratilova, the winner of 167 titles as opposed to Graf's 89, received in excess of $20 million.

Graf remains ranked No 2 behind Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, but their contrasting form indicates that the positions will soon be reversed. The Spaniard, who reached the women's doubles final with Jana Novotna, has not won a tournament this year.

Sánchez Vicario lasted only until the third round here, while Graf has won all three events she has entered since she returned in Paris last month. In 14 successive victories, she has not dropped a set, a sequence which was endangered only fleetingly when Date, the seventh seed, was on the verge of a defeat which even she had foreseen as inevitable.

Graf reeled off the opening five games in 18 minutes. Of the eight points she conceded, almost half of them were her own double faults. When she served for the match at 5-2, Date unleashed a series of winners (remarkably, she was credited with more than Graf on the forehand) and reduced the deficit.

"Her power comes from her speed," Graf reflected magnanimously. "She is one of the fastest players around the court and she has great stamina. She hits the ball early and her shots are not easy to read."

In spite of the complimentary appraisal, Japan's leading figure went down 6-1, 6-4. Date has yet to beat Graf (three of her five losses have occurred here) but she did achieve a breakthrough of sorts.

For the first time in her career, Date conducted a press conference in English. "Did you ever think at any time that you would win?" she was asked. "No," she replied. Nor did anyone else.



COLIN BRALEY

Graf holds up the Lipton Championship trophy after a 78-minute final victory

Marshall's progress bridges 31-year gap

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

PETER MARSHALL'S 68-minute 15-7, 15-7, 6-15, 15-12 semi-final victory over Brett Martin, of Australia, in the Leekes British Open squash championships in Cardiff on Saturday was enough to ensure the Nottingham double-hander another footnote in the game's history, even before the final against the defending champion, Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, last night. It is 31 years since a Briton has reached the final of the game's premier tournament.

Some suggest that the great Jonah Barrington was a British player and his occasional appearance in Great Britain squads has certainly encouraged such a view. But Barrington's six British Open victories are actually credited to his Irish registration.

Barrington was watching as Marshall calmly absorbed the attack of the most adventurous and inventive player in the tournament. Martin started well, and reasserted himself in the third game, but could make little impression against the Briton's fearsomely straight barrage and seemingly bottomless resilience.

Jansher reached his fifth successive final, from which he seeks a fourth successive title, with less to spare than usual against Rodney Eyles, the third-seeded Australian. Eyles was in hospital for heart checks a few weeks ago, but showed no sign of such concerns while extending the world champion to 12-15, 15-9, 15-12, 15-7 over 64 minutes on Saturday.

Michelle Martin, the defending women's champion, weathered a determined 49-minute 3-9, 9-2, 3-9, 9-3, 9-2 attack from Sarah FitzGerald, her fifth-seeded compatriot. Last night's women's final became a repeat of last year's all-Australian affair between Martin and Liz Irving, the fourth seed, when Suzanne Horner, of England, went down in the second semi-final 9-6, 9-3, 3-9, 9-3 in 48 minutes.

SPORTING BRIEFS

Doohan dominates his home event

MICHAEL DOOHAN, of Australia, the world 500cc motorcycling champion, led from start to finish on his Honda to win the Australian Grand Prix by 13.44 seconds at Eastern Creek, Sydney, yesterday. Doohan, who won nine races last season on his way to his first world title, took 46min, 6.030sec to cover 30 laps of the 2.44-mile track, a total of 73.26 miles. He averaged 95.35mph.

Doohan, 29, led the chasing pack by 2.5sec after just three laps and had increased the margin to 8.066sec by the halfway stage. He punched the air in triumph before he crossed the finishing line and rode on one wheel for most of the final 100 yards. "It's great to win any race, but it's especially great to win the Australian Grand Prix," he said. His compatriot, Daryl Beattie, was second on a Suzuki, and Alex Criville, of Spain, came third on the second Honda. Luca Cadalora, of Italy, finished fourth on a Yamaha.

Turner resists Rocca

GOLF: Greg Turner, of New Zealand, held off the challenge of Costantino Rocca, of Italy, to win the Turespaña Balearic Open in Majorca yesterday. Turner, who began the tournament by taking four putts for a triple-bogey seven, shot a closing 68 to win by two strokes with a 14-under-par total of 274. Rocca shot a 67 but had started the final round three behind. Turner collected £40,478 for his third PGA European Tour victory and another £3,000 for his course-record 65 in the second round. Third was Miguel Ángel Jiménez, of Spain, and the 1994 champion, Barry Lane, and Jean Van de Velde, of France, shared fourth.

Hendry moves ahead



SNOOKER: Peter Ebdon, right, trailed Stephen Hendry 5-2 at the completion of the first session in the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters final at Goffs, Co Kildare, yesterday. The Scot was left requiring four of the remaining ten frames to capture his fifth title of the season. Hendry exploited most of his opportunities while Ebdon was vulnerable, particularly early on.

Sheffield take title

ICE HOCKEY: Sheffield Steelers are the British League champions (Norman de Mesquita writes). Five goals by Ken Priestlay helped them to recover from trailing 5-2 to defeat their closest premier division rivals, Nottingham Panthers, 8-6 to take the title. Cardiff Devils, by beating Whitley Warriors, retained hope of finishing second. In the first division, Gary Stefan saved Slough Jets' unbeaten home record by scoring against Telford Tigers with seconds to go.

Connor in contention

YACHTING: *Team New Zealand* and *Young America*'s places in the challenger and defender finals for the America's Cup appear assured but the battles continue to decide who matches up against them. Dennis Conner and *Stars & Stripes* kept their hopes alive with a victory over *Mighty Mary* at the weekend, and Chris Dickson's New Zealand challenger, *TAG Heuer*, was heading for a second big clash against *oneAustralia* last night.

Barnes breaks through

SWIMMING: Hannah Barnes, a 15-year-old schoolgirl, held off Kathy Osher for an unexpected win in the 50 metres backstroke at the British Grand Prix at Crystal Palace yesterday. There were no such surprises in the women's 400 metres freestyle. Sarah Hardcastle, of Bracknell, cruised to her third victory in three days, winning in 4min 17.09sec. Neil Willey won the 100 metres backstroke in 58.50sec.

Border takes charge



CRICKET: Allan Border, right, hit an unbeaten 76 as Queensland built up a massive first-innings lead against South Australia on a rain-interrupted third day of the Sheffield Shield final. Playing in what could be his last first-class match, the former Australia captain helped Queensland to 501 for four in reply to South Australia's 214 at close of play at the Gabba.

Davis powers home

CYCLING: Lee Davis, 24, lived up to the name of the new amateur squad, Team Energy, when he displayed an abundance of it to win the Europa two-day, 145-mile race near Winchester yesterday. He laid solid foundations for ultimate victory in the morning's 4.7-mile time trial, which he won, after finishing second to Matthew Illingworth in the opening road race stage on Saturday.

Light blues prevail

ROWING: Cambridge won the fiftieth Women's Boat Race at Henley yesterday, knocking eight seconds off the record with the help of a strong tail wind and the pressure from a powerful Oxford crew who themselves bettered the old record by four seconds. Cambridge also won the men's lightweight event in a close race in which both crews again broke existing records.

Improving Chester frighten champions

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

A SERIES of close games against the leading basketball clubs may not count for much when the time comes for Chester Jets to push their claims for inclusion next season in the Budweiser League. That is the fear of Mike Burton, the coach of the side that came tantalisingly close to ruining the title ambitions of champions, Thames Valley Tigers on Saturday.

"We are very keen to stay in this league," Burton said after Chester's 104-97 defeat. "We're giving people a game."

Since the departure last month of Ed Snead, Chester have won three out of six games, compared with only three out of 25 earlier.

Among them, the English trio of Mark Ogley, Anthony Crow and Paul Parry, and Binky Johnson, the American that Snead left behind, collected 13 of the game's 20 three-pointers but the Jets still failed to capitalise on Dave Gardner's marksmanship.

His score of 27 points was bettered only by Peter Scantlebury's 31 for the Tigers, who trailed 89-88 with three minutes left. They sank the next ten points to add to the frustration of Burton, who incurred a technical offence for complaining.

Tigers' success increased the pressure on the leaders, Sheffield Sharks, who went down 96-82 to a Manchester Giants' squad deprived of their playmaker, Mark Robinson, because of a one-game ban. Robinson's fellow American, Cam Johnson, hit 39 points to lead his side to victory.

Nigel Lloyd did even better. The Barbadian collected 50 points to help Birmingham Bullets overwhelm Sunderland Scorpions 119-88.

Another high scorer was Alan Cunningham, the Worthing Bears' player-coach, whose 40 points helped to send Hemel Hempstead Royals to a 112-104 defeat. Doncaster Panthers ended a run of five defeats by winning 93-83 at Derby Bucks.

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Olazábal's putter catches fire

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN PONTE VEDRA

WITH one of the most extraordinary nine holes he can ever have played, José María Olazábal leapt up the field in the fourth round of the Players' Championship at Ponte Vedra Beach yesterday. Although appearing indifferent to what was happening and often looking disappointed with the shots he played, Olazábal sped to the turn in 31, five under par.

He had begun the day 11 strokes behind the leaders, Bernhard Langer and Corey Pavin. By the time he reached the tenth tee Olazábal had closed to within six shots. "See," Sergio Gómez, Olazábal's manager, said with a smile. "If he keeps going like this anything can happen."

Olazábal was all over the place, left from one tee, right from another. "He is at war with his driver," Gómez said. Again and again he would let his right hand come off the grip on the follow through, a sure sign that he had hit a bad shot. He was in four bunkers either from the tee or around the greens, two on one hole.

At least his foot was not hurting. Since Monday he has taken to taping together the big toe and the adjoining toe on his right foot and the pain that has dogged him since his foot operation at the end of January has almost gone.

Again and again he saved himself with putting that bordered on the miraculous. After nine holes he had used his putter only ten times — and one of those occasions was from off the green and so it does not count as a putt in golf statistics. His longest putt was from 60 feet. On one green he did not putt at all, holing from a bunker 15 yards from the flag.

Olazábal birdied the long 2nd by chipping to four feet. At the 3rd he holed from 15 feet. Bunkers were no trouble to him in this mood. On the 4th, he hit his second shot from sand and the ball came to rest five feet from the flag on practically the only flat part of the green.

After getting his par on the 5th by holing from off the green, Olazábal sank a 60-footer on the next green and then one of 15 feet on the 7th, again after exploding from a bunker. A long iron that found the 8th green and two putts from 35 feet were relatively humdrum.

The ninth encapsulated it all. Olazábal's drive went right and his shoulders slumped. He came over the top of his second shot, sending it hooking viciously across the fairway. From there he had to play to the right of the green because a branch blocked his line to the flag. The ball caught the edge of the green and tumbled down into a bunker from where he holed out.

"He gets so negative with himself," Gómez said. "He says 'I hit a bad tee shot, a bad second shot and a bad putt. I don't deserve a birdie.' At dinner on Thursday night he was complaining.

"I told him that Pavin had gone round in 66 and taken 22 putts. You went round in 78 and took 34 putts. If you had taken only only 22 putts you, too, would have gone round in 66."

The fourth round was played in an almost flat calm in marked contrast to the wind of the first three days that had made the course so much more difficult than last year. Colin Montgomerie reached the turn in 35, one under par.

After 54 holes Langer and Pavin were five under par; at the same stage last year Norman was 19 under. The average score this year has been 74.648. No one has escaped without mishap. Even Nick Price, the leading player in the world, hit two balls into the water on the 17th in the third round.

These are exactly the sort of conditions in which Langer, who is competing in his eleventh Players' Championship and has yet to miss the cut, does well. While everyone else complains, he just goes out and gets on with it. "Patience is the key" Langer said and he is one of the most patient players of all.

Run-in finds Davies in exalted company

THE Nabisco Dinah Shore is a major championship, the women's equivalent of the Masters, and for the last round at Mission Hills yesterday it had a final group that could scarcely be bettered: Laura Davies, the world No 1, Nancy Lopez, golfing icon revitalised, and Tammie Green, the leader (Patricia Davies writes).

The only player with three rounds under par, Green, was on 211, five under, two ahead of Lopez and three ahead of Davies. Green said: "I'm not going to trust any of those people behind me," but they knew better than to underestimate her. The first of her four victories was at a major, the duMaurier Classic, and last year she was runner-up in the US Open.

Lopez, 38, won the last of her 47 titles nearly two years ago but a nagging husband has made her practise more and change her putting stroke. On Saturday, she birdied three of the last six holes and the crowd was ecstatic. "You can tell a Nancy roar from a someone else roar," said Davies, who was happy to have the chance to go one better than last year, when she finished second.

Lopez was Davies's idol and they are good friends. "Last year she was outdriving me with her two-iron," Lopez said. "If I didn't like her so much, she'd intimidate me but I enjoy watching her."

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	30	160	good	varied	fair	snow	3	26/3
(Light snowfall; mid and upper runs good)								
St Anton	80	435	good	varied	fair	snow	2	26/3
(Dusting of fresh snow; windy; outlook good)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	205	480	fair	varied	fair	fine	6	20/3
(Hot and sunny, T-shirt skiing conditions)								
Avoriaz	290	390	good	heavy	good	sun	5	20/3
(Typical spring conditions; all lifts open)								
Flaine	175	390	fair	heavy	fair	fair	9	22/3
(Good snow coverage but slushy conditions low down)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	90	400	good	heavy	good	sun	2	20/3
(Good skiing under sunny skies)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	100	150	good	varied	good	cloud	1	26/3
(Light snowfall has freshened pistes; good skiing)								
Verbier	60	250	good	heavy	good	sun	3	20/3
(Generally good spring skiing; warm sunshine)								
Zermatt	85	330	good	varied	good	sun	6	20/3
(Glorious skiing in warm spring conditions)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art. - artificial.

McKiernan forced to settle again for silver

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

POLITELY waiting until Catherina McKiernan had given her last interview after the world cross country championships in Durham on Saturday, Frank Sando introduced himself to Ireland's silver medal-winner. "I won the men's race 40 years ago," Sando said. McKiernan, not knowing what to say, but not wishing to appear uninterested, asked where he had won and if there had been any Kenyans running. The conversation ended there.

McKiernan may have been tempted to talk longer had Sando opened by mentioning that he, too, knew how it felt to be runner-up. He had experienced it three times; though, to answer McKiernan's question, without a Kenyan in sight. On Saturday, Kenya won the men's and women's team titles, both convincingly.

McKiernan was reflecting on how, for the fourth world championships in succession, she had finished second, not haunted by the brilliance of one dominant woman but beaten each time by a different winner: first by Lynn Jennings, of the United States, in 1992; then Albertina Dias, of Portugal, in 1993; then Helen Chepngeno, of Kenya, in 1994; and now Derartu Tulu, of Ethiopia, the Olympic 10,000 metres champion.

McKiernan smiled through a dozen interviews, insisting she was "happy to be second again". Her sentiments seemed genuine but some measure of disappointment was registered by her insistence that she would keep trying until she won.

Problems with flight tickets and visas resulted in the Ethiopians reaching Durham shortly before midnight on Friday. Tulu won regardless but Haile Gebresilasie, the one athlete thought capable of denying Kenya the individual senior men's title, said he felt weary. Gebresilasie, though, was up against Kenya's elaborate team tactics.

The simplified version is that Simeon Rono and Gideon Chirchir were told to set the early pace; then, as the lead group thinned out, Ismael Kirui and James Songok were under instructions to deliver a victory for Paul Tergat. Kirui's surges, and Songok's line, were designed to keep Gebresilasie guessing.

Kirui was the red herring who broke clear soon after halfway. As the highest achiever in the Kenyan squad, Gebresilasie would assume that Kirui was the one chosen for victory. But the Kenyan strategy had reserved the honour for Tergat. When Tergat advanced, Gebresilasie could not respond.

Kenya took their tenth successive men's team title. They won the other three team races as well — senior women, junior women and junior men. Assefa Mezgebu, of Ethiopia, won the junior men's race and Annemari Sandell, of Finland, the junior women's title, the only non-African winner.

Sandell had to admit to a Kenyan assist. She had spent seven weeks in Kenya, the last four at their squad training camp in Embu. She trained three times a day with the Kenyans and, even in Durham, roomed with a Kenyan.

Sandell might not have won had the best two Kenyan juniors, Sally Barsosio and Rose Cheruiyot, not run in the senior race, each believing she could win. Barsosio was third and Cheruiyot, eighth. Paula Radcliffe, of Britain, paid on an agonising final lap for her attempt to stay with Tulu and McKiernan, falling back to eighteenth. Nevertheless, she was the best-placed Briton in any race.

Britain's collective performance — senior teams, ninth, junior women, sixth, junior men, fifteenth — represented only a slight improvement on the record low of last year. The British Athletic Federation got what it deserved: entertaining championships for the effort put into hosting them and a place among the also-rans on the pitch, which will continue to be so until the federation initiates a plan to improve standards.



Tulu: victorious

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Crews competing in the Head of the River race, over four and a half miles from Mortlake to Putney, battle for supremacy. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Olympians and novices all in the same boat



Andrew Longmore sees 420 eights descend on the Thames seeking glory in the Head of the River race

I know I heard the words correctly, the first uttered by the cox of boat No 400 as her crew took to the Tideway. "Don't panic," Jo Atkinson cried, though she had every right to as she contemplated the eight eager, tense faces in front of her and the task they had set themselves for a bright and breezy morning on the Thames.

"A bit like playing your first game of football in the sixth round of the FA Cup," one member of the Bewdley third eight had described it. But then that is the joy of the Head of the River race. It is a day for big and little, for proud provincial clubs like Bewdley, from the West Midlands, to measure themselves against the rich city slickers.

In just over two hours, like a video on fast forward, the whole evolutionary scale of rowing passes down the river in one relentless game of chase. 420 crews of eight, 420 coxes, 3,780 athletes, reputedly the biggest gathering of oarsmen in the world, certainly the widest range of talent, from Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent in the Leander Club first eight, through the Holland national eight, second in the world championships last year, and a whole retinue of club eights, to Rob Parker, Martin Green and the Bewdley thirds, generously described as seniors in the programme, but true novices in heart and mind.

Green took up rowing only last November. This was his first race, four and a half miles from Mortlake to Putney, the Boat Race course in reverse, one of the most fickle stretches of water in rowing. "I think they call it being thrown in at the deep end," he said.

It was just as well he had not listened to John Hinton's account of his first Head or he would have drowned in his own sweat before the start. "The worst experience in my life," Hinton, now a stalwart of the Bewdley first eight, recalled. "It hailed, the wind blew a gale, it was tougher than you could ever imagine, a nightmare, but we survived and the strange thing is you want to do it all over again the next year. The event just has an aura about it." At least the weather was passable; chilly, but not the worst the Tideway could muster.

Survival was about the extent of Bewdley thirds' ambitions. You could tell from the way their boat was precariously propped up on two Metropolitan Police cones, the patchwork quilt of a repair to the bow, the result of a recent collision, or the way Geoff Durrant crossed his fingers tightly when questioned about the seaworthiness of his craft.

As the least experienced member of the eight, Green was particularly nervous. "I'm just conscious of not wanting to let the others down," he said. But nothing could dampen their spirits. If they moved up one place from 400th, they would ensure automatic selection for next year. The thought was not uppermost in their minds during Atkinson's succinct pre-race pep talk. "All you have to do is look good coming round Hammersmith Bend and down to the finish. Oh, and don't stop rowing until I tell you," Atkinson said.

At roughly the same time as Bewdley thirds were committing their rickety boat to the river, more exalted names were four and a half miles upstream preparing to put their club, Leander, back on top of the pile. For Redgrave and Pinsent, the Olympic gold medal-winners, the race is a welcome change from their usual schedule, a mark of winter's passing. Redgrave cannot remember how many Heads he has rowed. He has won nine of them.

But, an hour after the race, his mind had already moved onto the summer, when he and Pinsent will once more stake out their territory in the last full season before the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

An injury to his shoulder ligaments, suffered during a Leander rugby match just before Christmas, has caused three lost weeks of training and some anxiety, quite apart from a permanent lump at the top of the collar-bone. "We take the Heads quite seriously, but sometimes I think, 'What am I doing here?' because the weather is usually rubbish and it's certainly not fun."

Just how hard, Parker, stroke of Bewdley thirds, was discovering at that very moment. Having navigated their way sedately down the river, Parker chose the finishing stretch, right in front of the boathouses on the Putney Embankment, to fall off his seat. Even later, he could not quite work out how it had happened, but the resulting confusion was caught on video by the Bewdley camp and will doubtless qualify Parker for a "golden boat" award at the club's annual dinner.

Still, he did better than the cox of the Thames Rowing Club first eight, who collided with a launch outside his own boathouse. And there was no mistaking the elation felt by the crew when their rite of passage was complete, an improvement of 45 places to 355th and a contrast to the grim faces of the Leander crew, who were bitterly disappointed to be beaten by the Holland national eight.

"That was a real buzz," Green said. "I just couldn't believe how quickly it went. It felt like 10 minutes not 20. I think I went through the pain barrier three times at least." Durrant, a policeman, who had spent the previous night on patrol in the suburbs of Birmingham and had not been to sleep for 36 hours, was almost too tired to speak. But both will be back to do it all again next year.

Ellis steers steady course to unique double

SUZIE ELLIS, the captain of Thames Rowing Club, entered the history books on Saturday when she became the first cox to steer a winning crew in the men's Head of the River just two weeks after doing the same in the women's Head (Mike Rosewell writes).

In the women's Head, she coxed a British squad crew to a 26-second win over its German equivalent. On Saturday, she steered the Dutch national squad to victory by three seconds over Leander, a crew of British senior internationals including Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent.

The Dutch, with five of their silver medal world championship crew on board, were pleased with her efforts. Leander, on unofficial watches, were three seconds up at Hammersmith Bridge and it was the final mile and a half that clinched the title for the Dutch. Leander themselves looked impressive, starting second and overtaking the Germans from Munster just after Hammersmith.

Waiting for the results proved tense for Steve Ellis, the new Imperial College coach. His first crew, in which he rows at seven, was provisionally placed third. There was then a debate about a ten-second penalty for an infringement before the start. It was imposed, Imperial College appealed and it was withdrawn.

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Narrow win sees St Albans regain senior status

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

ST ALBANS won the second division of the National Hockey League yesterday by virtue of their 2-1 home victory over Bromley, with whom they were relegated at the end of last season.

Goals by Deeks and Pell from short corners in the 59th and sixtieth minutes put St Albans ahead and in the 67th minute Holmes scored from a short corner for Bromley, who had missed a chance of taking the lead in the 47th minute when a penalty stroke from Haines was saved by Chater.

The first division, by contrast, remains wide open and when the competition ends next week, Teddington, Reading and Cannock could all have the same number of points. Teddington's task seems the least arduous as they have only one match to play, whereas Reading and Cannock have two.

Teddington, who had beaten Indian Gymkhana 1-0 on Saturday, retained their position at the top of the table with yesterday's 3-0 away win over Havant. Billson scoring from a short corner in the ninth minute and Laslett and Grobler adding a goal apiece to seal victory before the interval.

Cannock followed a 5-1 away win over Hull on Saturday with a 3-0 victory at home over Hounslow, the goals coming from Sharpe, from a short corner, in the first half and Hughes-Rowlands and Mills in the second. Reading maintained their challenge with a 2-1 away victory over Hull yesterday with Keevil and Ashdown their scorers.

☐ Two goals scored nearly 200 miles apart opened up the race for the second division title in the women's national league (Alix Ramsay writes).

On Saturday morning Olton were clinging to the top, ahead of Sunderland and Loughborough Students on goal difference. But a single penalty corner strike at Sunderland by Chris Fisher proved sufficient to knock Olton off their perch.

At Loughborough, the students scuffed a 1-0 victory over St Albans, thanks to a Fiona Greenham penalty corner and trail Sunderland by a goal difference of only one.

In the top flight of the premier division there were more goals but less at stake. Despite taking a hammering at the hands of the champions, Slough, Bracknell still managed to avoid relegation. Instead Chelmsford are on their way down after losing 2-0 to Leicester.

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Great value if you know what's going on

Srikumar Sen sees why squash championships attract crowds mainly from people who play

It was a full house but Joe Public was not at the British Open squash championships in Cardiff on Saturday. He would have been spotted easily in the crowd of 2,000 or so enthusiasts. A "walk-in" type would have stood out like a beer stomach in that assemblage, the average age of which was no more than 30. Even the older members had their healthy, sharp-eyed-towel-round-the-neck-just-come-off-the-court look. The only pear shapes were the rackets.

The last time this pear shape went to a squash match was 40 years ago at the Lansdowne Club in the days when the nightingales sang in Berkeley square and Hashim Khan and his brother Azam and cousin Roshan used to play at the Lansdowne. I was mistaken then for one of the Khans by a player, so it was flattering to be taken for a former player again on Saturday. "You are an ex-champion," said a man who turned out to be Kim Magnus, Iceland's No 1 and the world's number 100-plus.

In between sessions I had the chance of looking round the exhibition stands. Pointing to some rackets that looked like snow shoes, I asked the man from Fin Worldwide what had happened to the round squash rackets. "Oh, those, sir? . . ." he said. "If I turned up on a court with one of those how would I look?" I asked. "You would look stupi . . . I mean out of date, sir."

Everyone in the hall seemed to have a reason for being there. They had come not so much to root as to watch the best in the world at work and learn. Apart from a "come on, Peter!" or an "ooh", an "aah!" or "well played", they watched every move as intently as chess players. Cheers were reserved for in between the games.

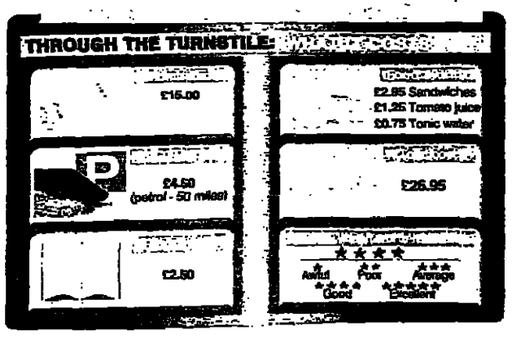
The event was wonderful value and could not have been better presented. For £15 you could see six semi-finals, three women's and three men's, from 12 noon to 8pm. The programme, costing £2.50, was one of the most impressive I have seen. A 50-page affair. For that price you also received the International Squash magazine, another expensive-looking glossy, ideal for those outside the game who aspire to instant expertise.

It was a pity the public missed it. Even though it was the first British Open to be held outside England, the non-playing South Welians received little encouragement from *The Western Mail*, to attend. The squash faithful, while not exactly gutted, were disappointed. But it has to be said that eight hours of watching contestants battle it out in a Perspex box in the middle of the arena is not really for the uninitiated. What's the difference between a boast and an Aussie boast? If you don't understand it, the game is all too quick to follow. All the players seem to be doing the clever things as quickly and as well as each other, so how was Jansher Khan better than Peter Marshall, or Brett Martin or Peter Nicol? The magazine told you.

A chartered surveyor, who had come from Stoke-on-Trent with some of his club friends, said that squash had become a minority sport because of the recession and because it was a specialist game. He put the lack of public interest in it down to its not being ideal for television.

"It's too fast," he said. "The cameras are in a fixed position, unlike tennis. Have you seen it on television? Everything looks so easy, it's boring. It looks easy, but you try it!" It seemed to me that even though squash might appear repetitive on the screen, if the sport had a character the public could love or hate, like Frank Bruno or Gazza or McEnroe, its appeal would grow. After all, what could be more boring than watching Bruno knock out specially imported opponents? But they always come back for more.

It was a pity that the Cardiff International Arena's (CIA) catering services did not match up to the occasion. Sandwiches cost between £2 and £3. The CIA bar was altogether too small for the exodus during the 15-minute break between the two sessions. It ran out of sandwiches well before the end and many people had to go to Sukcharan Singh Gill's delicatessen a couple of blocks away for nourishment. Suki's tuna sandwich was not only far better, it cost only 95p.



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Pollock undermines Port Vale

Middlesbrough strengthen promotion case

Middlesbrough 3
Port Vale 0

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

BRYAN ROBSON scored his first goal in a Middlesbrough shirt but Jamie Pollock rightly won the man-of-the-match award yesterday. On an afternoon when the player-manager and the young midfield player strode side by side through central midfield, it became increasingly apparent that comparisons between them are more than convenient hype. The pair combined to help push Middlesbrough four points clear at the head of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division.

An example of Pollock's all-round contribution came minutes into the first half. Winning the ball deep in his own half, he controlled it with a thigh, brushed off a couple of Port Vale challengers and, having charged deep into opposition territory, laid the ball off for Moore to run onto.

Running intelligently, delivering an impressive percentage of accurate passes and urging team-mates on throughout, Pollock seemed well cast in his mentor's image. Robson earned some of the glory, shooting Middlesbrough into a thirteenth-minute lead. Whyte squared the ball, Robson allowed it to roll across his body and, apparently oblivious to encroaching Port Vale studs, fired unerringly into the bottom corner from outside the penalty area. It was a vintage Robson goal.

Significantly, he had initiated the four-man passing sequence that he ended with his right foot. Robson jokingly attributed the goal to a pair of new boots, the pair he had worn all season having split at Sunderland last week. It took only four minutes for the second goal to arrive. This time Vickers shot home from well inside the area, after Van der Laan's sliced clearance deflected off Scott and straight into the defender's path.

After that — a tremendous run and shot from Hendrie apart — Middlesbrough lost their way and one did not entirely trust their ability to protect their lead. But as Guppy gradually began confusing Cox, Pollock vigorously began berating his colleagues, Blackmore in particular.

Suitably inspired by these exhortations, Robson's men rallied to score again deep into the second half. Pollock illustrated just how much his control has improved in the past year by stretching to push a pass towards Moreno.

Having stepped off the substitutes' bench 40 seconds earlier, the Bolivian's connection represented his first touch. It was a smart one, though, precipitating an acute centre, which was missed by Blackmore but controlled by Fuchs. Lurking at close range, the heavyweight striker stabbed home his eighth goal in ten games for the club.

Aggressive, if slightly uncoordinated, Fuchs belongs to the combine harvester school of centre forwards. Ayresome Park regulars have, however, easily forgiven a few technical limitations, instead appearing spellbound every time Fuchs, who oozes menace, approaches the penalty area. It is uncertain whether he will make genuine FA Carling Premiership material but the German's goals could yet propel Middlesbrough to promotion.

By contrast, Vale never looked like scoring, with Miller, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, not being required to make a significant save until the final minutes. Considering that Vale continue to flirt with relegation, such supine resistance was surprising. Perhaps the principal source of their surrender was the acres of space afforded to Pollock.

When Bolton beat Middlesbrough earlier this month victory was largely achieved by man-marking the midfield player and restricting his trademark surges between penalty areas.

Middlesbrough's future opponents will have to draw up contingency plans to contain Fjortoft. Robson's £1.3 million signing from Swindon was away on international duty with Norway, but his new manager took a tea-time telephone call from the striker anxious to know the score.

MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2): A Miller — N Cox, N Pearson, S Vickers, B Whyte — C Blackmore, J Pollock, B Robson, A Moore (sub: J Moreno, 77min) — U Fuchs, J Hendrie.
PORT VALE (4-4-2): P Musselwhite — B Sanderman, N Aspin, K Scott, D Stokes — A Porter, R Walker, R Van der Laan, S Guppy — A Naylor (sub: M Foyle, 57), J Allon.
Referee: G Singh

Moratti confirms move for Cantona

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MASSIMO MORATTI, the new president of Internazionale, yesterday confirmed his interest in signing Eric Cantona, the banned Manchester United striker, next season. "I have sent a fax to Manchester United to sound out whether they are prepared to sell the player. I haven't made an offer, that will be the next step," Moratti told Italian newspapers.

United are understood to be calling an emergency board meeting today to discuss the development. Cantona is on bail pending his appeal on Friday against a two-week jail sentence for assaulting Matthew Simmons, a Crystal Palace supporter, the incident that caused his suspension until September 30 by the Football Association.

Cantona also lost his place in the French side and was stripped of the captaincy. His place as captain for their European championship qualifier against Israel in Tel Aviv on Wednesday will be taken by Paul Le Guen, the Paris Saint-Germain midfield player, who earns his sixteenth cap.

Italy head for their European qualifier with Ukraine in Kiev on Wednesday in an uneasy frame of mind after a 4-1 win over Estonia on Saturday failed to silence their critics at home.

Croatia, who beat Italy 2-1 in Palermo last November, reinforced their position at the head of group four with a 4-0 victory over Ukraine in Zagreb on Saturday and will clearly be one of the teams to watch in the finals next year in England. Second place in the group should be enough to take Italy, who did not qualify for the 1992 tournament, to the finals.

Terry Venables, the England coach, has encouraged Paul Gascoigne in his comeback from a broken leg, hoping that he will be fit for selection for the the fournation tournament against Brazil, Sweden and Japan in June. After watching the Lazio midfield player with the England squad over the weekend, Venables said: "The hardest thing is to get to where he is. To get where he's got with hard work and diet is very difficult. He's lost three stone. But he's retained his strength as well — it's not been done at all cost. It's quite remarkable."

Germany won the women's European championship for the third time yesterday coming back from a goal down to defeat Sweden 3-2.


ANDRÉ CAMARA

Smith, of Gillingham, left, struggles for control under pressure from David Cooper, the Exeter defender

Taste of life on the receiving end

Simon Barnes hears take-over talk and sees

Gillingham beat fellow strugglers Exeter 3-0

The voice of doom takes many forms: the howling of the wolf at the door or, for a football manager, the vote of confidence from the board. Or, for an entire football club, the news that Freddie Starr is taking over.

Last year, the comedian was said to be making an offer for Exeter City. Exeter are now in the hands of receivers, and down in the cellarage of the Endsleigh Insurance League third division.

Last week, Starr was said to be involved with a consortium — when I hear the word "consortium", I reach for my revolver — seeking to buy out Gillingham. Gillingham are in the hands of receivers and near the bottom of the third division.

And so Saturday brought us the Receivership Cup, for the Freddie Starr Trophy, which, naturally, goes to the losers. Gillingham scored after 44 seconds and won 3-0, a performance of some spirit.

Nice game. Interview with the managers? Few words with the man of the match? Don't be silly. I want to speak to the receivers. "We have had no concrete offer from the consortium," Tom Burton, partner with the accountants, Kidsons Impey, said. "No formal approach has been made."

Gillingham have spent the last week undergoing ordeal by farce. A group called Damned Interesting Productions announced a take-over package headed by a "major footballing celebrity".

This turned out to be dear old Malcolm Allison. The name was announced at a press conference last week, but without Big Mal's real presence. Then the consortium told us that Eric Hall, the footballing agent, was ready to join the merry throng. And so was a megastar called Glen Murphy, from *London's Burning*, the television drama.

Credibility is smouldering a bit, too. So bring on Mick Jagger. Well, he is a Kent boy, isn't he? And he has been "approached". And no, nobody has heard anything back yet. Match programmes are not famous for courting controversy, but the offering on Saturday quoted Radio Kent's suggestions for further members of the consortium: Sooty, Muffin the Mule and Noggin the Nog.

Gillingham made their manager, Mike Flanagan, redundant at the start of the month, to keep costs down. Neil Smillie, player-coach, has stepped up. "Difficult week," he said, meaning all weeks. "Of course it has an effect. Told the players receivers can't make the decisions on the pitch."

Foster scored the first goal and should have had four more. Pike scored from a penalty and Butler, a central defender, side-footed the last. Reasons: 1, bad goalkeeping; 2, silly defending; 3, appalling marking. Conclusion: Exeter are even worse than Gillingham, and more dispirited.

Terry Cooper, the Exeter manager, discussed the three goals, and the three planning applications. Exeter's rescue strategy is based on the notion of selling their nice ground in town (no doubt to become some traditional part of West of England life, like a shopping mall with a McDonald's) and to build the now-traditional aseptic stadium on an industrial estate.

Neither side fears demotion to the Vauxhall Conference; Macclesfield, who lead it by miles, do not have an adequate ground for promotion. It is the financial troubles, an estimated £3 million or so in debt *each*, that keep both clubs on the edge.

Thus the demography of football changes before our eyes. You could buy both clubs with just Andy Cole, and still have change. Let us talk, then, about a new, leaner, harder, tougher tradition of unabashed elitism. And, only later, work out what we have lost. Part of football, part of England.

GILLINGHAM (4-4-2): S Banks — J Dunne, A Butler, R Green, E Martin — N Smith, R Carpenter, G Micklewhite, P Watson — C Pike, A Foster.
EXETER CITY (4-4-2): P Fox — J Minnett, J Richardson, M Carne, D Cooper — M Phillips, J Brown, C Anderson, M Gavin — T Morgan (sub: M Cooper, 78min), M Cascarino.
Referee: P Rejer.

Airdrie find that home is where their critics have heart

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

There are clubs for whom vitriol is an elixir. Before this season, Airdrieonians played at their own ground, Broomfield, and they had to swallow the harsh criticism that poured down from their supporters. The main stand, in particular, was famous for its hostility. Managers were not spared, either. Airdrie thrived in that bracing environment.

Last year, however, they evicted themselves. Broomfield was sold to finance the new stadium which was badly needed. Airdrie now have the money to build it but are still chopping their way through the thicket of planning problems that bedevil such projects.

In the meantime, the club is lodging with Clyde at Cumbernauld. On the face of it, Airdrie have been lucky in their digs. Broadwood, built by the local development corporation, opened only last season and is sumptuously equipped, even if the absence of stands at each end of the ground allows an icy wind straight down the pitch.

Airdrie, however, are floundering in their slick surroundings. On Saturday the attempt to win promotion from the Bell's Scottish League first division suffered when Dundee came to Broadwood, won 3-0 and moved two points clear of Dunfermline Athletic at the top of the table.

Alex MacDonald's men have long enjoyed a piratical image, but at their present home are stricken by meekness. Away matches account for 29 of their 50 points. The most remarkable contrast occurred over six days last month when Airdrie lost to Raith Rovers in a league game at Broadwood before travelling to Stark's Park and flaying the Kirkcaldy team 4-1 in the Tennents Scottish Cup quarter-final.

Perhaps the animosity of other clubs' grounds recreates for Airdrie the atmosphere of dear old Broomfield. Broadwood is sterile by comparison. Supporters have been reluctant to make the inconvenient journey and the decline in attendances has become one more difficulty in Airdrie's troubled life. By any sane measurement, Broadwood is marvellous. It would be foolish to yearn for a return to a semi-derelict old ground that reeked of toilets and pie stalls while being open to the elements. Yet, Airdrie's plight does demonstrate the delicacy of a club's relationship with its home.

Celtic, spending the season at Hampden Park, have also discovered that you cannot take a sense of belonging with you. There is, in addition, no control over premises that are hired. Airdrie and Celtic are like hotel guests who have begun to loathe the horrible prints on the wall. Their stay has become a test of endurance.

Football as a whole, however, often faces a dilemma when new stadiums are built. The antiseptic quality of some of these bright places can kill the life of a match. Administrators talk of making the sport fit for a family audience, but that laudable aim risks taking the raw vitality out of the game. The coarseness of rickety old Broomfield, like it or not, was an index of the patrons' passion for their team. A special vigour will have been lost if the sport becomes nothing more than a nice day out for mum, dad and the kids at a ground that resembles a shopping mall. What the imposing new venues need is time and the patina of people's experiences.

Supporters turn up on familiar terracings not only to watch matches but also to visit the past. There are rituals to be conducted before kick-off, as people look at the pitch and, suddenly animated, recall a great victory or, perhaps, merely think of the open goal once missed by a duffer of a centre forward who has proved curiously memorable.

Any trip to your own team's ground is personal. When, for instance, a father takes his son along to a game, he does so knowing that a little of his own boyhood once seeped into the dingy concrete of the place. Even in the vast arenas all the associations and nuances of emotion can create an intimate atmosphere.

Re-establishing the mood in grounds that appear to have been delivered in flat-pack form will be a slow process. That, of course, hardly suits Airdrie, who may not be able to afford their full-time status if promotion slips away. All the same, there is one piece of encouragement as the Scottish Cup semi-final with Heart of Midlothian approaches. Airdrie will be playing it at Hampden, not Broadwood.

Williams the saving grace in Cardiff's struggle

Plymouth Argyle 0
Cardiff City 0

BY PAT GIBSON

TERRY YORATH called it "survival football", but it seemed a dreadful misnomer after Cardiff City had reduced Plymouth Argyle to their own desperate level in a match that did nothing to enhance either club's chances of staying in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division.

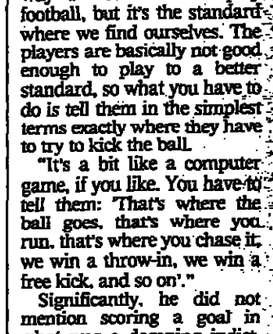
"I hate it," Yorath said. The former Wales manager, who is now in charge of Cardiff, hopes to find out today if the consortium with which he is involved has succeeded in its bid to take over the club from the owner, Rick Wright. "But if we want to stay in this division, it's the only way we can try and do it.

"It's completely alien to the way I would like to play football, but it's the standard where we find ourselves. The players are basically not good enough to play to a better standard, so what you have to do is tell them in the simplest terms exactly where they have to try to kick the ball.

"It's a bit like a computer game, if you like. You have to tell them: 'That's where the ball goes, that's where you run, that's where you chase it, we win a throw-in, we win a free kick, and so on'."

Significantly, he did not mention scoring a goal in what was a damning indictment of English football, as well as Welsh, but that was hardly surprising as Cardiff did not look remotely capable of getting that far.

Plymouth were not much better, but they did at least create enough chances to have won the game and improve their prospects of avoiding one of the five relegation places. They are still in a better position than Cardiff, but their manager, Steve McCall, conceded: "We are in real trouble and we are not confident at the moment." It might have been


Yorath: direct tactics

different had David Williams, the Cardiff goalkeeper, not made four excellent saves, two in the first half from Nugent, and two at the start of the second from Ross and Barlow.

Even so, McCall was not impressed by his team's performance. "The wind did not help, but you've got to be able to play in all conditions, and we should have the quality in our team to deal with that," he said. "We'll never win a game by kicking it long and chasing it, but we didn't get the ball down and start passing it until the second half and, in the end, we ran out of time."

They are also running out of games. Plymouth must now win their next two, at home to Stockport and away to Cambridge United, to stand a realistic chance of staying up. As for Cardiff, they know that they have to rebuild, no matter what division they are in next season.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (4-4-2): M Hodge — M Patterson (sub: K Hill, 75min), P Swan, M Edworthy, D Naylor — M Evans, M Barlow, S Castle, P Dalton — K Nugent, M Ross.
CARDIFF CITY (4-3-3): D Williams — B Brazil (sub: L Baddeley, 73), S Young, J Perry, D Searle — N Richardson, N Wigg, P Millar — R Nichols, J Pearson (sub: P Millson, 73), C Griffith.
Referee: P Vanes.

Steely Woking show trophy mettle

Macclesfield Town 0
Woking 1

BY WALTER GAMMIE

A STEELY performance, against which the outstanding non-league team of the season disintegrated, brought Woking a step closer to retaining the FA Umbro Trophy in a raw, tense quarter-final at Macclesfield Town on Saturday.

Macclesfield, runaway leaders in the Vauxhall Conference, who had won the 13 matches they had played in 1995 until losing 1-0 at Kettering Town the previous Tuesday, trailed from the sixth minute to a penalty converted by Clive Walker.

They looked likely to cancel it out only when awarded a penalty of their own after 58 minutes.

Neil Howarth, the captain, culprit in conceding the kick to Woking by needlessly barging Scott Steele, wretchedly underhit his shot, which was comfortably blocked by Laurence Batty, the Woking goalkeeper, with his knees.

Justice looked to have been served for Batty, who had held out his arms to the Woking bench in a gesture of despair after he had been booked for bringing down Power, whose fall had appeared fuelled with self-generated momentum.

Batty had, in the 35th minute, produced an outstanding save, tipping over a 20-yard shot by Sorvel. Macclesfield's claims for handball from the ensuing corner then helped to seal their downfall.

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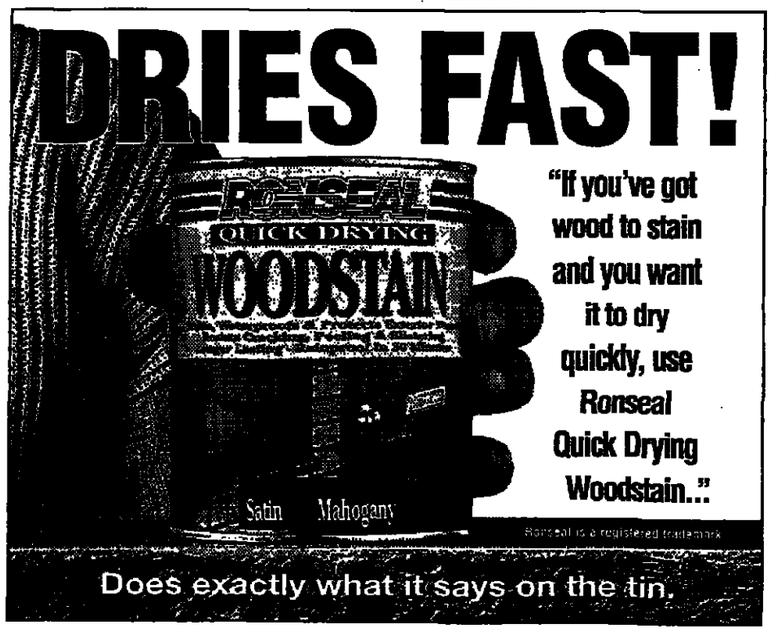
Steve Wood's argument with Jim Parker, the referee, brought him a second booking to follow one for bringing down Crumplin and a shame-faced sending-off.

Woking, with Crumplin and Walker, the recently reunited former Brighton pairing, effectively exploiting space down the right, had the know-how to make the extra man count. Although Power, shocked at being found unmarked, allowed a clear opening from the corner to run off his foot, it was the visitors who made the best chances and they could have finished off the game.

While Woking will hope to steer clear of Kidderminster Harriers, the other Conference survivors and 5-0 winners over Altrincham, in the semi-final draw today, Macclesfield will press ahead on three other fronts: the Conference, the Staffordshire Senior Cup and the Bob Lord Trophy.

MACCLESFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): S Farrelly — D Norman, N Howarth, S Payne, S Locke (sub: M Midwood, 82min) — S Tobin (sub: D Lyons, 61), M McDonald, N Sorvel, S Wood — P Power, J Askey.
WOKING (5-3-2): L Batty — J Crumplin, K Brown, C Fielder, M Tucker, L Wye — S Steele, K Rattray, S Wye — C Walker, G Payne
Referee: J Parker

☐ Arlesey Town will play Oxford City in the FA Vase final at Wembley on May 13. Arlesey, trailing 3-0 to Raunds Town after the first leg, levelled at 3-0 through Mark Kane in the 87th minute of the second leg of the semi-final on Saturday and won the match 5-0 after extra time, while Oxford overturned a 1-0 first-leg deficit to Belper Town by winning 3-1 yesterday for a 3-2 aggregate victory.



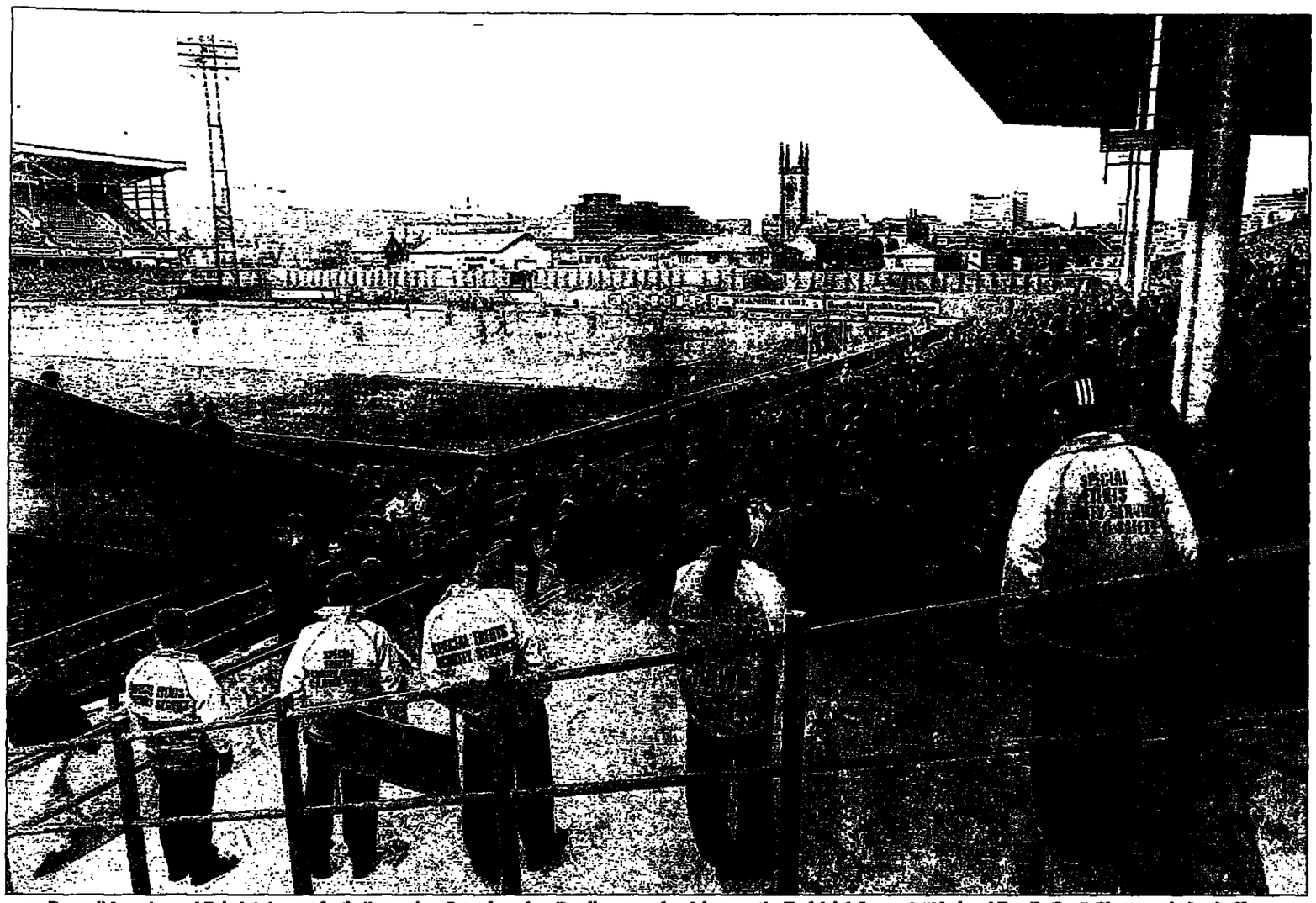
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First division promotion rivals frustrated by distractions on and off the field



Bramall Lane housed Britain's largest football crowd on Saturday when Reading were the visitors on the Endsleigh League's "National Family Day". Photograph: Justin Slee

Hislop holds up United's progress



Rob Hughes on how the Reading goalkeeper rose above the crowd in a 1-1 draw at busy Bramall Lane

Through the bleak drizzle of Bramall Lane, the neon scoreboard constantly urged the largest crowd for a football match in the British Isles on Saturday to give blood. The request was literal, but indeed the people who support football at this level below the riches of the FA Carling Premiership are sometimes asked to give lifeblood to the flagging game.

Here were Sheffield United and Reading, sides with realistic ambitions to make at least the end-of-season play-offs in the first division. Here were 19,241 people, a crowd boosted on the Endsleigh Insurance League's "National Family Day" by the enticement of each adult being allowed to bring along a child free. The lifeblood of the game indeed.

Alas, once it began, there was never the wholehearted commitment to entertainment that had been there before the kick-off, there before the circus clowns vacated the pitch. Bramall Lane is a symbol of what is a lower league built on hope rather than substance. For when Sheffield United went down, relegated from the Premiership in the last minute of the last day of last season, the finances to rebuild the stadium ran out. Consequently, Bramall Lane is a three-sided edifice, three magnificent all-seat stands, squared by an empty building plot, the old stand levelled, the new one no more in prospect than money to inject into a team which, a week ago, could not even afford a £250,000 bid for Ray Houghton, a player whose touch of class may just have given the workmanlike, energetic United midfield what it needed to reach up to the promised land.

Yet Reading, attempting to leap-frog straight from the second division to the Premiership, came, looked around, and saw a crowd almost three times their own last home gate at Elm Park, a tight, forlorn little stadium, that would have no hope of satisfying the need or the greed of the Premiership clubs. And so the latest furore in Reading concerns a proposal from the chairman, John Madejski, to play some of their matches next season, should the miracle of a second promotion occur, down the M4-M40 corridor at London stadiums.

The match on Saturday suggested that the furnace of Sheffield football, a furnace at times reduced to the flicker of a candle in the wind, could consume Reading's hopes. The southern team had come without either of its player-managers, Jimmy Quinn or Mick Gooding, able to perform. Quinn was not released by Northern Ireland. Gooding was suspended and, adding to injuries that have robbed them for months of the Wales international defender, Adrian Williams, and the midfield player, Simon Osborn, resources are to say the least scant.

Resources in this whole division are lacking: Wolverhampton Wanderers is the one club with sufficient finances, and a resplendent stadium, to cope in a higher league. But there is not an outstanding team, any two of eight could still win the lottery of promotion, and for 90 minutes we wondered why it should not be Sheffield United.

> 'Any two of eight teams could win the lottery of promotion

With the directness and vigour of teams organised by Dave Bassett, they were first to the ball. They created four clear chances, and scored once.

The reason? Neil "Shaka" Hislop, the Reading goalkeeper, the one player in his entire division who has reasonable expectations of performing in the top flight next season, for whatever club. At 6ft 6in, this 26-year-old of Trinidadian stock has cat-like reflexes. He demonstrated them in the second minute, diving low to push out a shot from Starbuck. Hislop then kept Reading in the game with a remarkable reaction save from Black from barely two yards. And in the closing moments the goalkeeper used his legs to deny Nathan Blake.

But Blake had been the one opportunist to beat him, capitalising on an error from the Pole, Wdowczyk, in the 53rd minute, staring face to face against the onrushing Hislop, and with almost a nonchalant use of the left foot rolling it past the goalkeeper, inside the far post. It was Blake's seventeenth goal of the season, but he alone knows how he missed simpler chances on three occasions.

Typically, United did not finish off their opponents. Bassett, the manager, questioned whether they have the moral fibre; he was his team's own critique, saying that when they were ahead they tended to hoof the ball, lacked the composure to play it as they had in the first half. To say that Kelly, United's Ireland international goalkeeper, was as redundant as the missing John Street stand is only a slight exaggeration.

He made not a single save of note, yet he was betrayed by his statuesque defence in the 66th minute when Nogan stole in to score after a free kick that followed one of the four bookings.

We were watching in the absence of one chairman, the hurried departure before the final whistle of the other. Madejski, whose fortune from publishing puts him among England's 100 wealthiest men, has never pretended to bring to Reading what Jack Walker did to Blackburn Rovers.

Reading is £2 million in Madejski's debt, that he contends is more than enough, and the sugar-daddy emergence in the game is, in Madejski's eyes, "vulgar".

He, a proud resident of Reading rather than an impassioned follower of the game, became disillusioned when his club manager, Mark McGhee, defected to Leicester City at Christmas time; he did not deign to drive any of his magnificent stable of cars to Bramall Lane, where Reg Brealey, the embattled chairman of Sheffield United, summoned the local press at half-time to tell them he would be rushing away at the end, there would be a statement next week. A statement? It could be anything or nothing.

For five years Brealey has talked of selling the club. Five years without a buyer, years in which his struggles with a jute company in Calcutta have come to a sad end, Brealey's extradition being sought on matters relating to the disappearing pensions of workers.

Curiously, this is more than familiar to Reading FC. For this is the twelfth anniversary of the time that Robert Maxwell attempted to force Reading and Oxford United to amalgamate, force each of them to forgo what is the real lifeblood in football, parochial fervour, and form "the Thames Valley Royals". The Royals of Reading responded, through Madejski, by outstripping Oxford in status ... a club formerly known as the biscuitmen until the biscuit factory went bust, it now must ponder its future. It could be a homeless one with a foot in the Premiership, or it could be back in the first division, its very nickname, "the Royals", a misnomer. For the Royal County of Berkshire is soon to be abolished.

SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-3-3): A Kelly — K Gage, D Tuttle, P Beesley, D Whitehouse — P Rogers, C Hanfield, K Black — P Starbuck (sub: C Veart, 78min), J Flo (sub: A Scott, 71), N Blake.
READING (4-4-2): N Hislop — A Bernal, K McPherson, D Wdowczyk, D Kerr — S Taylor, P Parkinson, P Hoisgrove, M Gilkes — L Nogan, S Lovell (sub: U Harlenberger, 75).
Referee: J Winter.

Bolton's class nullified by human failing

Russell Kempson watches Portsmouth battle back for a 1-1 draw with Bolton Wanderers

Footballers are only human, as the worst excesses of the past month have proved. Although many are flattered, pampered and placed on a pedestal, they can be cast aside equally swiftly.

At Fratton Park on Saturday, Bolton Wanderers spent 45 minutes enhancing a reputation that has grown steadily in recent seasons and now oozes potential from every pore. Never needing to break sweat, never extending themselves beyond the competent, they leant into the swirling gale and stroked the ball to and fro with calculated, almost arrogant, ease.

McAteer, the Ireland midfield player, may possess an ungainly stride, may find himself enticed into areas he would not normally consider, but his athleticism and enthusiasm must be eternally encouraged. Seizing on a loose pass from Radosavljevic, in the twelfth minute, he galloped onwards, covering 50 yards, before crossing for Paatelainen to sweep home.

Stubbs, the England B centre back, is to be treasured, too, and will also be much courted if Bolton make the transition, as expected, from Endsleigh Insurance League first division to FA Carling Premiership in May. He is composed well beyond his 23 years, he uses strength without cynicism and carries the ball forward with confidence. A rare breed.

Yet with the job done, apparently, and with the blustery elements in their favour, Bolton opted for consolidation. Victory appeared to be secure and thoughts of the Coca Cola Cup appointment with Liverpool, at Wembley eight days hence, began to infiltrate. A natural and understandable, if irritating and unprofessional reaction. Bruce Rioch, the Bolton manager, was not impressed.

"He gave us a bit of a roasting in the dressing-room," Stubbs, the Bolton captain, said. "He reckoned some of us might have been thinking about the Liverpool game and I suppose he had a valid point. From where he sits, he can see more than us. He can see what's really happening. We're all looking forward to Wembley, obviously, but our main aim has still got to be promotion."

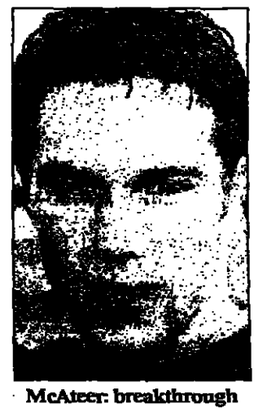
Portsmouth's prime objective is avoiding relegation and, sensing Bolton's sudden lack of intent, they snapped into gear. Eight minutes into the second half, Creaney scrambled in his 21st goal of the season from Durnin's cross. Had Powell or Radosavljevic shown greater poise later on, as Bolton fell from grace and had to fight for the scraps, Portsmouth could have edged another two points towards safety.

Rioch, though, has also instilled resilience at Burnden Park, and Bolton absorbed the sporadic pressure before launching a late surge when Paatelainen and Coyle squandered openings.

"We're a better side than we were last season," Stubbs said. "We're a year further on, we've played together more and it shows. We've got quality everywhere in the team and other players can come in from the squad and do an excellent job as well. That makes a big difference."

Terry Fenwick, the Portsmouth manager, is an admirer. "Bolton are the best side in the league," he said. "No doubt about it. I'm just glad we fought back so well after giving away such a sloppy goal. We at least showed a bit of character."

No Wembley for Fenwick this year, first division survival will suffice; but Rioch can contemplate a delightful day out on Sunday, a foretaste of what may lie ahead next season and a test, under stress and spotlight, of the true abilities of his young players. Liverpool will start odds-on favourites for the Coca-Cola



McAteer: breakthrough

prize but should beware the emerging Wanderers.

Every footballing force, whether embryonic or established, needs its share of good fortune and Bolton claimed theirs on the stroke of half-time, when Thompson, having fallen in the penalty area, inadvertently scooped the ball away with a hand.

The view of Clive Wilkes, the referee, was obscured, and though Martin Sims, his linesman, was nicely positioned, he also ignored the Portsmouth appeals. Two weeks ago, Sims was called into action as a substitute referee in the Premiership match between West Ham United and Norwich City at Upton Park and, in a bizarre case of mistaken identity, sent off Johnson, of Norwich, instead of Prior, his team-mate. Linesmen are human, too.

PORTSMOUTH (4-4-2): J Gless — R Pethick, J Gittens, B Kristensen, L Russell — P Radosavljevic (sub: S Doling, 78min), J Durnin, D Powell, J Rees — G Creaney, P Hall.
BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K Branagan — S Green, M Seagraves, A Stubbs, J Phillips — J McAteer, N McDonald (sub: D Lee, 72), R Sneekes, A Thompson — C Coyle, M Paatelainen
Referee: C Wilkes.

Scales of justice tip in favour of Oldham

Oldham Athletic	1
Derby County	0

By Peter Ball

OVER the years, as Arsenal and Leeds United, among others, know to their cost, Oldham has provided a formidable hurdle for grandees. Derby County became the latest team with pretensions to stumble at Boundary Park, their five-game winning run coming to an end against Oldham Athletic on Saturday before most of their rivals for a place in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-offs had finished lunch.

Boundary Park is now an all-seat stadium, but the little shed behind one corner flag is more characteristic than the new executive boxes. The wind still whistles off the Pennines, and the pitch is like an estuary with the tide out.

The dry weather of the previous week at least ensured that it was not like the quagmire of last season, but Derby found the bumpy surface as big a problem as Oldham's relentless harrying. "The pitch doesn't allow good playing conditions; we knew it was going to be a scrap, and we battled hard," Graeme Sharp, the Oldham player-manager, said. None more so than Simon Webster, who is on loan from West Ham United.

On such a surface, Webster's uncompromising approach fitted better than that of Craig Short, whose transfer value has been quoted at £4 million, a turn-around in the fortunes of a defender who at first struggled to justify his £2.5 million fee when he moved to Derby from Notts County.

On Saturday, Short looked tentative; he was not the only one. At the other end it was Marco Gabbiadini who struggled from the opening minutes when he brushed through Redmond's tackle but elected to go alone rather than try to find Lee Mills, and the chance was lost.

Derby knew it was going to be that sort of day from the moment Richard Graham, alone in front of goal, turned the ball in. Ken Lupton, the referee, decided that the ball had been played to him by, rather than deflecting off, a Derby defender, and the goal stood.

That was not the most striking of Mr Lupton's decisions. A moment of sheer farce in the second half took the palm. Simpson fisted the ball back into play from behind the byline, Gerrard put the ball down for a goal kick and Pembridge promptly dispatched it into the net.

After much toing and froing, Mr Lupton, directed by a linesman in the other half of the field, gave a free kick for handball against Simpson. And so a sort of justice was done. But do not tell that to Derby.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (4-4-2): P Gerrard — I Snodin, S Webster, S Redmond, N Ponton — G Halle, R Graham, P Bernard, M Brennan — N Banger, S McCarthy (subs: A Ritchie, 78min).
DERBY COUNTY (4-1-3-2): R Hoult — D Wassall (sub: J Kavanagh, 85), D Yates, C Short, J Harkes — P Williams — M Pembridge, P Trotlope, P Simpson — M Gabbiadini, L Mills (sub: D Wrack, 68)
Referee: K Lupton.

Dixon pays early dividend

Ivo Tennant sees Tranmere Rovers' promotion drive falter after a 2-1 defeat by Millwall at The New Den

Before the transfer deadline a year ago, Millwall's manager signed what is known in the trade as a proven goalscorer. The upshot of this seemingly impressive transaction was that Clive Allen did not score once. That was pointed out to Mick McCarthy in no understated way last week when he acquired Kerry Dixon, a nomad of a certain age.

Whatever he achieves with Millwall, and he intends to achieve a great deal, Dixon's name will be forever synonymous with Chelsea and England. How many will remember in the years to come that he once played for Luton Town? At the age of 33 he was regarded by their manager as worth only a nominal fee, which was how he came to join Millwall.

What a useful signing he has already proved to be. This was a pretty dreadful match, but his goal enlivened it. The wind and a sloppy defence played a part, Van Blerk's left-footed corner dropping nicely on to Dixon's head. But to surmise that this was a straightforward goal would have been to neglect the art of positional sense.

Buoyed by this, Millwall gained a further goal through Roberts's low drive past an unsighted Nixon eight minutes later and, although Malkin regained some self-esteem after various missed opportunities, the outcome was not in doubt. After four successive defeats, it was a victory Millwall greatly needed.

They purposefully played what McCarthy termed "a more direct game than usual", a euphemism for belting the ball upfield towards Dixon. Once, when Van Blerk did reach the byline, his cross was hit at shin height towards the near post, where Dixon flicked it wide. But this was a rare moment of intelligence.

This was the top match in London on Saturday, yet the crowd, 7,470, was one of the club's lowest of the season. Its form would have had something to do with this, as would the temporary closure of the East London Tube line. For years, Alan Gibson would regale us on these pages with the hazards of journeying on British Rail via Didcot and its unexploded bombs. The inconveniences were much the same now.

As for Tranmere Rovers, the joke about them buckling down to the annual task of avoiding promotion is, alas, not far from the truth. They have in Aldridge a goalscorer of greater venerability and ability than Dixon, yet gave him nothing in the way of through balls, crosses or even half-chances.

Tranmere's lack of form away from home is about as mystifying as their domination at Prenton Park. John King, their genial manager, does not mess around with different formations, which must have something to do with it. To see them in the FA Carling Premiership is to see one constant struggle.

In McCarthy's estimation, there are better teams looking for promotion. But he expects Tranmere to contest the play-offs, for of their eight remaining matches, five are at home. These opponents include Middlesbrough and Wolverhampton Wanderers, both fixtures coming at the very end of the season.

"I told the players last August that come Easter we wanted to be in the top six," King said defiantly, "and my thoughts have not changed." For him, success is for Tranmere to participate in the same division as Liverpool and Everton. As usual, this is beginning to look like a pipe dream.



Dixon: debut goal

MILLWALL (4-4-2): K Keller — R Joseph (sub: D Savage, 51min), K Stevens, D Webber, B Thatcher — M Beard, A May, A Roberts, J Van Blerk — D Oldfield (sub: G Barry, 45), K Dixon.
TRANMERE ROVERS: (4-4-2): E Nixon — G Stevens, D Higgins, J McGreal, S Mungall — J Kenworthy, L O'Brien, K Irons, P Nevin (sub: G Jones, 81) — J Aldridge, C Malkin.
Referee: M Bailey.

Luton enriched by potential of Davis

Luton Town	1
Watford	1

By Keith Pike

BEFORE kick-off yesterday, both teams harboured hopes of a place in the first division play-offs, and they will not have entirely abandoned them yet, although neither could really afford to drop two points. But it is an ambition unlikely to be fulfilled this or perhaps any other season.

With football's rich raking in money in increasingly disproportionate amounts, it is probable that local derbies such as these between the relatively impoverished are destined forever to be fought within the confines of the Endsleigh Insurance League.

Luton Town, ahead after just four minutes, in the end needed the benevolence of the referee and the stunning reflexes of a teenage goalkeeper to share the spoils in a typically hectic Home Counties derby. Yet it required only a glance at the line-ups from their meetings last season to recognise why neither side is competing on a level playing field.

Watford's attack, then led by Furlong and Dyer — a combination that cost Premiership clubs £3.5 million to break up — now comprised Quinn, a loan signing nearing the end of his career, and Phillips, a £10,000 recruit from Baldock Town, and where Luton had Hartson to aim for until Arsenal paid £2.2 million for him in January they now had Taylor, who cost only the amount to the right of the decimal point on transfer deadline day. It was not hard to spot the next potential crop of money-earners yesterday.

For Luton, Kelvin Davis took the eye. Eighteen and making his home debut in goal only because Sommer was on duty with the United States, he was safe if largely untroubled until the 64th minute when Watford's pressure was rewarded with an equaliser. Then the youngster stole the show.

Davis needed Kevin Breen's tolerant interpretation of Fifa's edicts when, two minutes later, he raced off his line to bring Beadle down as the Watford substitute threatened to score with his first touch. A yellow card was followed by an agile penalty save from Porter's firmly struck shot and almost immediately by an even better one-handed effort to keep out Phillips's header.

Phillips, 21, until recently stacking televisions in an electrical store, had earlier poached his fifth goal in six starts to cancel out the early lead Telfer had given Luton. "He is one for the future," Glenn Roeder, the Watford manager, said. "He can go as far as he wants his ability to take him."

LUTON TOWN (4-4-2): K Davis — J James, T Peake, M Johnson, R Harvey — P Telfer, G Waddock, D Preece, R Matthews (sub: A Thorpe, 79min) — J Taylor, D Marshall.
WATFORD: (4-4-2): K Miller — G Lavin, C Foster, K Millen, G Porter — A Hessenthaler, R Johnson, C Ramage, D Payne — M Quinn (sub: P Beadle, 66), K Phillips.
Referee: K Breen.

1996 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION

GROUP ONE

RESULTS: Israel 2 Poland 1, Romania 3 Azerbaijan 0, Slovakia 0 France 0, France 0 Romania 0, Israel 2 Slovakia 2, Poland 1 Azerbaijan 0, Romania 3 Slovakia 2, Poland 0 France 0, Azerbaijan 0 Israel 2, Azerbaijan 0 France 2, Israel 1 Romania 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	4	2	2	0	7	3	8
Israel	4	2	2	0	7	4	8
France	4	1	3	0	2	0	6
Poland	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Slovakia	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Azerbaijan	4	0	0	4	0	8	0

FIXTURES: Mar 29: Romania v Poland, Israel v France, Slovakia v Azerbaijan. Apr 26: France v Slovakia, Poland v Israel, Azerbaijan v Romania. Jun 7: Poland v Slovakia, Romania v Israel. Aug 16: France v Poland, Azerbaijan v Slovakia. Sept 6: France v Azerbaijan, Slovakia v Israel. Oct 11: Romania v France, Israel v Azerbaijan, Slovakia v Poland. Nov 15: Slovakia v Romania, Azerbaijan v Poland, France v Israel.

GROUP TWO

RESULTS: Macedonia 1 Denmark 1, Cyprus 1 Spain 2, Belgium 2 Armenia 0, Armenia 0 Cyprus 0, Denmark 3 Belgium 1, Macedonia 0 Spain 2, Belgium 1 Macedonia 1, Spain 3 Denmark 0, Cyprus 2 Armenia 0, Belgium 1 Spain 4, Macedonia 3 Cyprus 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	4	4	0	0	11	2	12
Macedonia	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Denmark	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Cyprus	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
Belgium	4	1	1	2	5	9	4
Armenia	3	0	1	2	0	4	1

FIXTURES: Mar 29: Spain v Belgium, Cyprus v Denmark, Armenia v Macedonia. Apr 26: Armenia v Spain, Belgium v Cyprus, Denmark v Macedonia. Jun 7: Denmark v Cyprus, Macedonia v Belgium, Spain v Armenia. Aug 16: Armenia v Denmark. Sept 6: Belgium v Denmark, Spain v Cyprus, Macedonia v Armenia. Oct 7: Armenia v Belgium. Oct 11: Denmark v Spain, Cyprus v Macedonia. Nov 15: Cyprus v Belgium, Denmark v Armenia.

GROUP THREE

RESULTS: Hungary 2 Turkey 2, Iceland 0 Sweden 1, Turkey 5 Iceland 0, Switzerland 4 Sweden 2, Switzerland 1 Iceland 0, Sweden 2 Hungary 0, Turkey 1 Switzerland 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	3	3	0	0	7	3	9
Sweden	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Turkey	3	1	1	1	8	4	4
Hungary	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Iceland	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

FIXTURES: Mar 29: Turkey v Sweden, Hungary v Switzerland. Apr 26: Hungary v Sweden, Switzerland v Turkey. Jun 1: Sweden v Iceland. Jun 11: Iceland v Hungary. Aug 16: Iceland v Switzerland. Sept 6: Sweden v Switzerland, Turkey v Hungary. Oct 11: Switzerland v Hungary, Iceland v Turkey. Nov 11: Hungary v Iceland. Nov 15: Sweden v Turkey.

GROUP FOUR

RESULTS: Estonia 0 Croatia 2, Ukraine 0 Lithuania 2, Slovenia 1 Italy 1, Croatia 2 Lithuania 0, Estonia 0 Italy 2, Ukraine 0 Slovenia 0, Ukraine 3 Estonia 0, Slovenia 1 Lithuania 2, Italy 1 Croatia 2, Croatia 4 Ukraine 0, Italy 4 Estonia 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	4	4	0	0	10	1	12
Italy	4	2	1	1	8	4	7
Lithuania	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Ukraine	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Slovenia	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Estonia	4	0	0	4	1	11	0

ENGLAND, as hosts, qualify automatically for the 1996 European championship finals but the holders, Denmark, do not. The eight group winners qualify, as do the six best second-placed teams. The other two second-placed teams will play off in December at a neutral venue for the last of the 16 places. The six best runners-up will be determined by results achieved against the first, third and fourth-placed teams in each group.

FIXTURES: Mar 29: Slovenia v Estonia, Ukraine v Italy, Lithuania v Croatia. Apr 26: Lithuania v Italy, Croatia v Slovenia, Estonia v Ukraine. Jun 7: Lithuania v Slovenia. Jun 11: Estonia v Slovenia, Ukraine v Croatia. Aug 16: Estonia v Lithuania. Sept 3: Croatia v Estonia. Sept 6: Italy v Slovenia, Lithuania v Ukraine. Oct 8: Croatia v Italy. Oct 11: Slovenia v Ukraine, Lithuania v Estonia. Nov 11: Italy v Ukraine. Nov 15: Slovenia v Croatia, Italy v Lithuania.

GROUP FIVE

RESULTS: Czech Rep 6 Malta 1, Luxembourg 0 Holland 4, Norway 1 Belarus 0, Malta 0 Czech Rep 0, Belarus 2 Luxembourg 0, Norway 1 Holland 1, Belarus 0 Norway 4, Holland 0 Czech Rep 0, Malta 0 Norway 1, Holland 5 Luxembourg 0, Malta 0 Luxembourg 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	4	3	1	0	7	1	10
Holland	4	2	2	0	10	1	8
Czech Rep	3	1	2	0	6	1	5
Belarus	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Luxembourg	4	1	0	3	1	11	3
Malta	4	0	1	3	1	8	1

FIXTURES: Mar 29: Czech Rep v Belarus, Luxembourg v Norway, Holland v Malta. Apr 26: Belarus v Malta, Czech Rep v Holland, Norway v Luxembourg. Jun 7: Belarus v Holland, Luxembourg v Czech Rep, Norway v Malta. Aug 16: Norway v Czech Rep. Sept 6: Czech Rep v Norway, Luxembourg v Malta, Holland v Belarus. Oct 7: Belarus v Czech Rep. Oct 11: Malta v Holland, Luxembourg v Belarus. Nov 12: Malta v Belarus. Nov 15: Czech Rep v Luxembourg, Holland v Norway.

GROUP SIX

RESULTS: Northern Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 1, Liechtenstein 0 Austria 4, Latvia 0 Ireland 3, Northern Ireland 1 Portugal 2, Latvia 1 Portugal 3, Austria 1 Northern Ireland 2, Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 0, Portugal 1 Austria 0, Liechtenstein 0 Latvia 1, Northern Ireland 0 Ireland 4, Portugal 8 Liechtenstein 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	4	4	0	0	14	2	12
Ireland	3	3	0	0	11	0	9
Nth Ireland	4	2	0	2	7	8	6
Austria	3	1	0	2	5	3	3
Latvia	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
Liechtenstein	5	0	0	5	1	21	0

FIXTURES: Mar 29: Ireland v Northern Ireland, Austria v Latvia. Apr 26: Ireland v Portugal, Latvia v Northern Ireland, Austria v Liechtenstein. Jun 3: Portugal v Latvia, Liechtenstein v Ireland. Jun 7: Northern Ireland v Latvia. Jun 11: Ireland v Austria. Aug 15: Liechtenstein v Portugal. Aug 16: Latvia v Austria. Sept 3: Portugal v Northern Ireland. Sept 6: Austria v Ireland, Latvia v Liechtenstein. Oct 11: Ireland v Latvia, Austria v Portugal, Liechtenstein v Northern Ireland. Nov 15: Portugal v Ireland, Northern Ireland v Austria.

GROUP SEVEN

RESULTS: Georgia 0, Moldavia 1, Wales 2 Albania 0, Moldavia 3 Wales 2, Bulgaria 2 Georgia 0, Albania 1 Germany 2, Georgia 5 Wales 0, Bulgaria 4 Moldavia 1, Albania 0 Georgia 1, Moldavia 0 Germany 3, Wales 0 Bulgaria 3, Germany 2 Albania 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	3	3	0	0	9	1	9
Germany	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Georgia	4	2	0	2	6	3	6
Moldavia	4	2	0	2	5	9	6
Wales	4	1	0	3	4	11	3
Albania	4	0	0	4	2	7	0

FIXTURES: Mar 29: Georgia v Germany, Bulgaria v Wales, Albania v Moldavia. Apr 26: Germany v Wales, Moldavia v Bulgaria, Georgia v Albania. Jun 7: Bulgaria v Germany, Wales v Georgia, Moldavia v Albania. Sept 6: Germany v Georgia, Wales v Moldavia, Albania v Bulgaria. Oct 7: Bulgaria v Albania. Oct 8: Germany v Moldavia. Oct 11: Wales v Germany. Nov 15: Germany v Bulgaria, Albania v Wales, Moldavia v Georgia.

GROUP EIGHT

RESULTS: Finland 0 Scotland 2, Faeroe Islands 1 Greece 5, Scotland 5 Faeroe Islands 1, Greece 4 Finland 0, Russia 4 San Marino 0, Scotland 1 Russia 1, Greece 2 San Marino 0, Finland 5 Faeroe Islands 0, Finland 4 San Marino 1, Greece 1 Scotland.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	4	4	0	0	12	1	12
Scotland	4	2	1	1	8	3	7
Finland	4	2	0	2	9	7	6
Russia	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
San Marino	3	0	0	3	1	10	0
Faeroe Isl	3	0	0	3	2	15	0

FIXTURES: Mar 29: Russia v Scotland, San Marino v Finland. Apr 26: San Marino v Scotland, Greece v Russia, Faeroe Islands v Finland. May 6: Russia v Faeroe Islands. May 25: Faeroe Islands v San Marino. Jun 7: Faeroe Islands v Scotland, San Marino v Russia. Jun 11: Finland v Greece. Aug 16: Scotland v Greece, Finland v Russia. Sept 6: Scotland v Finland, Faeroe Islands v Russia, San Marino v Greece. Oct 11: Russia v Greece, Faeroe Islands v San Marino. Nov 15: Scotland v San Marino, Russia v Finland, Greece v Faeroe Islands

1996 DATES

Group matches: June 8: Wembley. June 9: Elland Road, Old Trafford, Hillsborough. June 10: Villa Park, St James' Park. June 11: Anfield, City Ground. June 13: Villa Park, St James' Park. June 14: Anfield, City Ground. June 15: Wembley, Elland Road. June 16: Old Trafford, Hillsborough. June 18: Villa Park, St James Park, Wembley, Elland Road. June 19: Anfield, City Ground, Old Trafford, Hillsborough. Quarter-finals: June 22: Anfield, Wembley. June 23: Old Trafford, Villa Park. Semi-finals: June 26: Old Trafford (Anfield v Villa Park winners), Wembley (Wembley v Old Trafford winners). Final: June 30: Wembley.

F.A. CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Blackburn	34	15	2	1	49	17	8	5	3	21	12	76	+41
2 Man Utd	35	14	2	1	39	3	8	5	5	27	21	73	+42
3 Newcastle	34	12	5	0	36	13	6	4	7	20	23	63	+20
4 Nottm For	35	10	5	3	32	17	7	4	6	24	21	60	+18
5 Liverpool	32	10	5	2	31	10	6	5	4	23	16	58	+28
6 Leeds	33	9	4	3	24	12	5	6	6	20	21	52	+11
7 Tottenham	33	8	4	5	27	20	6	6	4	25	22	52	+10
8 Wimbledon	34	9	2	6	23	21	5	4	8	18	33	48	-13
9 QPR	32	9	3	5	31	22	3	5	7	19	28	44	0
10 Sheff Wed	35	5	6	6	20	18	6	4	8	23	28	43	-3
11 Coventry	35	6	6	5	19	21	4	7	7	18	32	43	-16
12 Norwich	34	8	7	3	25	17	2	5	9	8	21	42	-5
13 Man City	34	7	6	5	33	24	3	5	8	10	28	41	-9
14 Arsenal	34	4	7	5	17	17	6	3	9	19	23	40	-4
15 Chelsea	33	4	8	6	20	18	6	4	7	20	28	40	-6
16 Aston Villa	34	5	8	5	24	19	4	4	8	22	29	39	-2
17 Everton	34	7	6	3	25	18	2	6	10	12	28	39	-9
18 West Ham	34	6	4	6	19	18	4	3	11	14	26	37	-11
19 Soton	32	5	7	4	22	20	2	8	6	22	31	36	-7
20 C Palace	32	4	4	8	11	19	4	6	6	12	15	34	-11
21 Ipswich	33	4	2	10	21	30	2	3	12	10	45	23	-44
22 Leicester	34	3	5	8	21	28	1	4	13	15	38	21	-30

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Middlesbro	38	13	3	4	36	16	7	6	5	20	16	69	56
2 Bolton	37	14	4	1	40	12	4	7	7	20	25	65	60
3 Tranmere	38	15	2	1	44	17	4	6	10	14	25	65	58
4 Wolves	36	14	3	3	36	16	5	3	8	25	30	63	61
5 Reading	39	9	6	4	24	16	9	3	8	21	21	63	45
6 Sheff Utd	39	11	7	2	33	15	5	7	7	31	29	62	64
7 Barnsley	37	13	4	2	37	16	4	4	10	17	28	59	54
8 Derby	38	10	5	3	32	16	6	5	9	20	23	58	52
9 Watford	37	10	6	2	26	14	4	7	8	17	25	55	43
10 Grimsby	39	10	6	4	34	19	3	7	9	21	32	52	55
11 Luton	38	7	5	7	28	23	7	5	7	24	30	52	52
12 Charlton	37	9	4	6	28	22	5	5	8	22	30	51	50
13 Millwall	38	10	6	3	31	17	3	6	10	18	32	51	49
14 West Brom	39	11	2	6	25	20	3	6	11	16	29	50	41
15 Oldham	37	8	7	3	29	19	3	4	11	20	31	47	49
16 Southend	39	10	2	7	25	21	3	6	11	17	45	47	42
17 Port Vale	37	10	4	5	27	20	2	6	10	17	31	46	44
18 Portsmouth	39	7	7	6	27	26	4	5	10	16	29	45	43
19 Stoke	36	7	5	5	23	15	4	7	8	14	28	45	37
20 Sunderland	39	3	10	6	17	19	6	5	9	17	21	42	34
21 Bristol City	39	7	8	5	24	25	3	3	13	13	28	41	37
22 Swindon	37	7	6	5	22	22	3	4	12	23	39	40	45
23 Burnley	37	5	6	6	24	24	3	5	12	11	36	35	35
24 Notts Co	38	6	7	6	23	22	2	3	14	18	32	34	41

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Huddersfield	39	13	4	2	40	16	8	8	4	31	24	75	71
2 Brentford	38	12	3	4	37	12	10	4	5	32	19	73	69
3 Birmingham	35	11	4	2	42	13	8	6	4	24	14	67	66
4 Oxford Utd	38	12	4	3	27	15	7	5	7	31	29	66	58
5 Bristol Rvrs	36	12	5	1	41	17	5	7	6	18	16	63	59
6 Swansea	37	8	8	3	20	11	8	6	4	31	25	62	51
7 Crewe	37	11	1	6	36	27	7	5	7	26	33	60	62
8 Blackpool	39	11	3	6	38	28	6	5	8	19	28	59	57
9 York	38	10	4	5	30	18	7	3	9	23	25	58	53
10 Wycombe	36	8	7	2	22	14	7	6	6	22	24	58	44
11 Hull	36	10	5	4	34	16	6	4	7	22	29	57	56
12 Bradford	37	8	5	6	27	25	7	5	6	23	24	55	50
13 Wrexham	37	9	6	5	36	25	5	6	6	23	29	54	59
14 Stockport	38	10	2	8	34	26	5	4	9	18	27	51	52
15 Brighton	38	7	8	4	20	12	5	5	9	22	28	49	42
16 Peterboro	37	4	10	5	22	28	6	6	6	24	32	46	46
17 Shrewsbury	38	8	7	4	29	22	3	5	11	18	28	45	47
18 Rotherham	38	10	5	4	30	21	1	7	11	16	30	45	46
19 Cambridge	39	6	7	6	28	26	2	6	12	18	38	37	46
20 Bournemth	39	5	4	10	21	34	3	7	10	17	31	35	38
21 Plymouth	36	5	4	8	16	28	4	2	13	18	41	33	34
22 Cardiff	37	3	5	9	17	21	4	4	12	20	39	30	37
23 L Orient	37	6	6	7	19	20	0	2	16	8	38	26	27
24 Chester	38	4	5	10	21	39	0	4	15	10	36	21	31

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Carlisle	34	13	4	0	30	9	10	5	2	28	13	78	58
2 Chesterfield	34	10	6	2	20	6	8	4	4	28	24	64	48
3 Walsall	32	12	2	3	36	17	5	7	3	23	18	60	59
4 Bury	33	10	6	1	30	12	7	2	7	23	19	59	53
5 Mansfield	35	9	3	5	38	20	8	4	6	35	27	58	73
6 Preston	35	11	2	4	32	15	5	6	7	18	21	56	50
7 Doncaster	35	8	5	4	25	13	7	5	6	21	16	55	46
8 Colchester	34	7	5	6	23	25	7	3	6	21	25	50	44
9 Fulham	34	8	5	5	32	22	4	8	4	16	21	49	48
10 Scunthorpe	34	9	2	6	33	22	5	4	8	22	27	48	55
11 Barnet	34	7	6	4	30	18	6	3	8	12	28	48	42
12 Torquay	35	9	6	2	30	21	3	3	12	15	29	45	45
13 Rochdale	34	7	4	5	20	17	4	7	7	19	35	44	39
14 Lincoln	33	9	6	2	29	15	2	3	11	13	29	42	42
15 Wigan	32	4	4	6	20	22	7	4	7	25	26	41	45
16 Darlington	35	6	4	8	21	23	4	3	10	14	24	37	35
17 Hereford	34	7	5	6	16	17	2	4	10	20	37	36	36
18 Northamptn	35	6	4	8	20	26	1	8	8	16	27	33	36
19 Gillingham	33	6	5	5	23	18	2	3	12	13	32	32	36
20 Hartlepool	35	7	3	7	24	28	1	5	12	9	33	32	33
21 Exeter	34	5	4	7	21	27	3	4	11	9	29	32	30
22 Scarboro	34	2	6	9	18	26	4	2	11	19	31	26	37

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	29	9	4	1	24	8	7	4	4	26	18	56	+24
2 Motherwell	29	6	6	3	24	20	5	5	4	18	21	44	+1
3 Hibernian	29	8	6	1	33	15	1	9	4	8	12	42	+12
4 Celtic	28	5	7	2	18	14	3	9	2	12	10	40	+6
5 Hearts	28	8	4	2	23	10	2	3	9	13	28	37	-2
6 Falkirk	29	6	3	5	19	19	2	8	5	19	23	35	-4
7 Kilmarnock	29	7	3	4	18	11	1	6	8	15	29	33	-7
8 Dundee Utd	29	6	6	2	23	14	2	3	10	11	30	33	-10
9 Aberdeen	29	5	7	3	20	14	1	4	9	12	24	29	-6
10 Partick	27	3	7	4	17	17	3	2	8	10	24	27	-14

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dundee	29	10	3	2	31	14	7	3	4	21	15	57	+23
2 Dunfermline	29	9	3	2	29	9	6	7	2	26	20	55	+26
3 Raith	28	7	7	1	25	16	7	3	3	20	12	52	+17
4 Airdrie	29	5	6	4	19	13	9	2	3	25	16	50	+15
5 St Johnstone	29	8	5	1	31	11	3	8	4	16	19	46	+17
6 Hamilton	29	7	2	5	20	18	3	4	8	12	22	36	-8
7 Clydebank	28	3	5	6	15	17	3	5	6	11	18	28	-9
8 St Mirren	29	3	5	6	12	15	1	7	7	12	27	24	-18
9 Ayr	29	4	5	6	18	23	0	5	9	7	27	22	-25
10 Stranraer	29	3	4	7	13	24	1	1	13	10	37	17	-38

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dumbarton	29	10	3	2	35	13	4	4	6	12	16	49	+18
2 G Morton	29	9	4	1	26	10	4	4	7	14	17	47	+13
3 Stenhsmuir	29	6	8	1	21	12	6	3	5	18	20	47	+7
4 Berwick	29	9	4	1	18	9	3	4	8	25	31	44	+3
5 Clyde	29	6	5	4	28	20	5	4	5	19	20	42	+7
6 Stirling	29	6	3	5	22	17	6	3	6	21	21	42	+5
7 East Fife	29	7	2	6	29	23	4	6	4	14	20	41	0
8 Queen of S	29	4	3	7	20	21	4	6	5	17	23	33	-7
9 Meadowbnk	29	5	2	7	13	16	4	2	9	19	30	28	-14
10 Brechin	29	4	3	8	15	23	2	1	11	5	29	22	-32

Meadowbank deducted three points

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Forfar	28	11	2	0	32	10	8	2	5	19	17	61	+24
2 East Stirling	27	8	1	5	23	15	7	3	3	29	22	49	+15
3 Ross County	27	6	1	5	26	18	7	5	3	21	14	45	+15
4 Alloa	28	5	4	5	16	17	7	3	4	25	22	43	+2
5 Montrose	26	6	3	5	23	16	6	3	3	22	13	42	+16
6 Caley This	28	4	6	3	23	26	6	2	7	16	24	38	-9
7 Cowdenbth	29	3	4	7	19	28	7	1	7	22	18	35	-5
8 Arbroath	29	5	3	8	19	22	5	1	7	23	29	34	-9
9 Queen's Pk	28	5	2	8	19	25	3	3	7	19	25	29	-12
10 Albion	26	2	0	11	12	28	1	3	9	7	28	12	-28

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FIRST DIVISION

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 SOUTHEND UTD (0) 0
6,159

GRIMSBY TOWN (0) 0 WEST BROMWICH (1) 2
7,393 — Hunt 15, Donowan 75

MILLWALL (0) 2 TRANMERE RVRS (0) 1
Dixon 72, Roberts 78 — Malkin 83; 7,470

OLDHAM ATH (1) 1 DERBY COUNTY (0) 0
Graham 9 — 7,696

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 BOLTON WDRS (1) 1
Creaney 51; 7,765 — Pastelainen 12

SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 1 READING (0) 1
Blake 53; 19,241 — Nogan 66

STOKE CITY (1) 2 NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1
Gleghorn 13, Sturridge 77 — White 90; 10,204

SWINDON TOWN (0) 0 CHARLTON ATH (0) 1
9,106 — Grant 67

Yesterday

LUTON (1) 1 WATFORD (0) 1
Telfer 4; 7,984 — Phillips 63

MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 3 PORT VALE (0) 0
Fuchs 78, Robson 14, Vickers 18 — 17,401

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 BRENTFORD (2) 2
Brown 65; 4,663 — Bates 2, Taylor 21

CHESTER CITY (0) 1 BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1
Jackson 50; 1,818 — Fletcher 78

LEYTON ORIENT (1) 2 SHREWSBURY T (1) 1
Austin 19, Gray 75 — Williams 2; 2,724

OXFORD UTD (0) 0 BRIGHTON (0) 0
6,725

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 BIRMINGHAM (0) 1
Charlery 70; 8,796 — Shearer 64

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (0) 0 CARDIFF CITY (0) 0
5,611

ROTHERHAM UTD (1) 2 HULL CITY (0) 0
Peel 8, Roscoe 60 — 3,692

STOCKPORT CO (0) 1 HUDDERSFIELD T (1) 2
Armstrong 56; 5,383 — Jepson (pen) 34, Gannon (og) 71

WREXHAM (0) 1 BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1
Hughes 72; 3,170 — Archer 44

WYCOMBE WDRS (0) 0 CREWE ALEXANDRA (0) 0
6,288

YORK CITY (0) 0 BRADFORD CITY (0) 0
5,431

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (1) 1 WIGAN ATH (1) 1
Freedman 20; 2,362 — McKearney 38

BURY (1) 2 MANSFIELD T (0) 2
Kelly 12, Pugh (pen) 53; 4,188 — Onuora 68, Wilkinson 77

CARLISLE (0) 2 SCUNTHORPE UTD (0) 1
Aspinall 63, Hayward 80 — Kiwomya 81; 5,704

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 HARTLEPOOL UTD (0) 0
Lormor 13, (pen) 80 — 4,125

COLCHESTER UTD (0) 0 SCARBOROUGH (0) 2
3,025 — Charles 46, Trebble 56

DARLINGTON (0) 0 DONCASTER (0) 2
2,017 — Wilcox (pen) 48, Brabin 81

FULHAM (0) 2 TORQUAY UTD (1) 1
Adams 73, Cusack 78 — Hathaway 10; 4,941

GILLINGHAM (2) 3 EXETER CITY (0) 0
Foster 1, Pike (pen) 42, Butler 61 — 3,332

HEREFORD UTD (0) 0 ROCHDALE (0) 0
1,954

LINCOLN CITY (1) 1 PRESTON NE (0) 1
West 29; 5,487 — Kidd 78

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 WALSALL (1) 2
Grayson 9, Warburton 87; 6,282 — Lightbourne 36, Wilson 82

SENDINGS OFF

Third division: Crosby (Darlington), 46, Thomas (Fulham), 80

GOALSCORERS

First division: 25 Fjortoft (Middlesbrough, 25 for Swindon). 21 Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers); Creaney (Portsmouth). 18 Whyte (Charlton Athletic). 17 Blake (Sheffield United). Malkin (Tranmere Rovers); McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers); Kelly (Wolverhampton Wanderers). 15 Hendrie (Middlesbrough) 14 McCarthy (Oldham Athletic); Foyle (Port Vale); Scott (Stoke City, 12 for Swindon). 13 Woods (Grimsby Town); Bull (Wolverhampton Wanderers); Marshall (Luton Town); Nogan (Reading, 9 for Watford); Paatelainen (Bolton Wanderers); Taylor (Luton Town, 13 for Bradford City); Gray (Sunderland); Nogan (Burnley, 12 for Brighton). 12 Hunt (West Bromwich); Peschisolido (Stoke City); Redfearn (Barnsley). 11 Allison (Bristol City); Liddell (Barnsley)

Second division: 37 Bennett (Wrexham). 26 Booth (Huddersfield). 23 Forster (Brentford); Goater (Rotherham United). 22 Moody (Oxford United); Jepson (Huddersfield); Stewart (Bristol Rovers) 21 Taylor (Brentford) 20 Corazzin (Cambridge United). 19 Miller (Bristol Rovers). 18 Charlery (Peterborough United). 17 Barnes (York City). 16 Claridge (Birmingham City); Butler (Cambridge United). 15 Ellis (Blackpool). 14 Jewell (Bradford City); Watson (Blackpool); Torpey (Swansea City); West (Leyton Orient). 13 Brown (Hull City); Armstrong (Stockport County); Francis (Stockport County); Spink (Shrewsbury Town).

Third division: 23 Freedman (Barnet). 22 Wilkinson (Mansfield Town); Reeves (Carlisle). 21 Lightbourne (Walsall). 19 Stant (Bury, 15 for Cardiff). 17 Wilson (Walsall). 14 Carter (Bury); Hadley (Mansfield Town); White (Hereford United); Pike (Gillingham); Whitehall (Rochdale). 13 Pugh (Bury). 12 Houchen (Hartlepool United); Holland (Mansfield Town); Jones (Doncaster); Cecere (Exeter City). 11 Lyons (Wigan Athletic), Conroy (Preston North End), Davies (Chesterfield); Marsh (Walsall); Whitton (Colchester United), Adams (Fulham); Cooper (Barnet).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

FALKIRK (1) 2 KILMARNOCK (0) 0
Kirk 6, McDonald 76 — 5,714

FIRST DIVISION

AIRDRIE (0) 0 DUNDEE (0) 3
2,528 — Farningham 50, Shaw 76, 84

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 ST MIRREN (0) 1
Tod 90; 5,055 — Lavety 68

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 AYR UNITED (0) 1
McGilligan (og) 8; 3,551 — Tannock 78

STRANRAER (0) 0 HAMILTON (2) 5
580 — Duffield 24, 31, McCall 58, McLean 70, McStay 90

Postponed: Clydebank v Raith Rovers.

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (1) 1 CLYDE (1) 1
Graham 13; 565 — McCluskey 38

EAST FIFE (0) 3 QUEEN OF SOUTH (1) 1
Scott 53, 75, Hunter 58 — Mallan (pen) 29; 659

G MORTON (1) 2 STIRLING (1) 2
Rajamaki 37, 57; 2,025 — Watters 25, Lilley (og) 80

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 DUMBARTON (0) 0
Young 24 — 389

STENHOUSEMUIR (3) 3 BRECHIN (0) 0
Fisher 28, Mathieson 43, 44 — 500

THIRD DIVISION

ALLOA (1) 1 ROSS COUNTY (1) 1
McCulloch 43; 535 — Wylie (og) 44

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 COWDENBEATH (0) 0
Hunter 36 — 337

MONTROSE (0) 1 FORFAR (1) 2
Kennedy (pen) 79; 1,240 — McCormick 26, McPhee 49

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 ARBROATH (1) 3
McPhee 20, McCormick 85; 666 — Tosh 42, Paw 68, Gardner (pen) 92

Postponed: Caley Thistle v Albion.

SENDINGS OFF

Second division: Kennedy (Queen of South), 85. Third division: Moffat (Alloa), 83.

CONFERENCE

DOVER ATH (2) 2 GATESHEAD (0) 2
Leworthy 14, Chambers 45; 1,183 — Dobson 64, Farrey 67

FARNBOROUGH (0) 2 NORTHWICH VIC (0) 1
Boothe 47, Harlow 86 — Cook 79; 584

HALIFAX TOWN (1) 2 YEOVIL TOWN (1) 1
German 44, Lambert 70 — Whale 13; 816

SOUTHPORT (0) 1 KETTERING TOWN (0) 1
Penman 60; 919 — Arnold 57

STEVENAGE BOR (0) 1 STAFFORD RAN (0) 0
Simpson (pen) 90 — 1,414

TELFORD UTD (0) 2 RUNCORN (0) 0
Wilcox 75, Bignot 78 — 582

WELLING UTD (2) 2 MERTHYR TYDFIL (0) 1
Barnes 32, Copley 43 — Dyer 71; 720

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Macclesfield	32	14	3	2	39	14	8	2	3	23	13	71
2 Kettering	35	11	4	3	39	17	5	4	8	23	24	56
3 Woking	31	7	6	2	32	18	8	3	5	23	23	54
4 Southport	34	10	3	4	40	19	6	3	8	15	26	54
5 Halifax	33	11	4	2	43	14	4	4	8	17	31	53
6 Gateshead	35	10	4	4	23	10	5	4	8	25	35	53
7 Altrincham	31	8	1	6	31	26	7	4	3	34	19	50
8 Stevenage	33	9	2	6	34	22	6	3	7	18	18	50
9 Kidderminster	34	8	4	7	24	21	7	4	6	30	30	47
10 Farnborough	34	7	5	5	16	19	6	3	8	16	27	47
11 Bromsgrove	35	7	6	3	34	28	5	4	10	21	31	46
12 Runcorn	34	10	5	2	34	23	3	2	12	17	39	46
13 Northwich	33	6	6	5	31	24	5	5	6	26	25	44
14 Stalybridge	35	9	2	5	25	22	2	7	10	21	40	42
15 Dover	33	4	9	2	20	16	5	5	8	19	26	41
16 Telford	32	9	6	1	22	11	1	5	10	15	30	41
17 Bath	34	6	5	5	28	26	4	6	8	19	28	41
18 Welling	33	8	2	7	29	28	4	3	9	21	34	41
19 Dag & Red	35	6	4	7	23	20	4	6	8	22	33	40
20 Merthyr	31	9	3	5	33	23	1	4	9	14	29	37
21 Yeovil	34	4	4	8	19	22	3	5	10	19	34	29
22 Stafford	35	3	4	9	24	28	3	6	10	22	43	28

Yeovil deducted 1 point

EUROPEAN

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Austria Wien 1 Rapid Vienna 1; T Innsbruck 1 Moedling 0; Linz 0 Sturm Graz 2; V Steyr 2 Linzer 2, Admira Wacker 0 Salzburg 1. Leading positions: 1, Austria Wien, played 23, 29 points; 2, Salzburg, 22, 29; 3, T Innsbruck, 23, 27.

DUTCH LEAGUE: NAC Breda 1 Groningen 3; MVV Maastricht 1 Heerenveen 0; Dordrecht 3 Willem II Tilburg 0; Feyenoord Rotterdam 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 2; Twente Enschede 0 Ajax Amsterdam 1; Utrecht 2 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 2.

FRENCH CUP: Semi-finals: Le Havre 0 Paris Saint-Germain 1; Bastia 3 Montpellier 1

GERMAN LEAGUE: Dynamo Dresden 1 FC Hamburg 1; VfB Stuttgart 0 Borussia Dortmund 0; Bayern Munich 1 1860 Munich 0, Schalke 04 0 Kaiserslautern 1; VfL Bochum 0 Borussia Mönchengladbach 2; SC Karlsruhe 0 FC Cologne 0; Werder Bremen 5 Duisburg 1; Bayer Leverkusen 2 SC Freiburg 4; Bayer Uerdingen 1 Eintracht Frankfurt 1. Leading positions: 1, Borussia Dortmund, played 23, 34 points; 2, Werder Bremen, 23, 34; 3, Borussia Mönchengladbach, 23, 32.

PORTUGESE LEAGUE: FC Porto 2 Chaves 0; Beira Mar 0 Sporting Lisbon 1. Positions: 1, FC Porto played 26, 47 points; 2, Sporting Lisbon, 26, 43; 3, Benfica, 25, 37.



Emile Kostadinov, of Bayern Munich, is fouled by Bernd Trares, of 1860 Munich, during Bayern's 1-0 win in the *Bundesliga*. Bayern, the German champions, are sixth in the table. Photograph: Wolfgang Rattay

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

Premier division: Accrington Stanley 0 Boston 4; Droylsden 0 Whitley Bay 1; Emley 2 Barrow 1, Horwich 1 Knowsley 2; Matlock 4 Bishop Auckland 0; Morecambe 1 Colwyn Bay 1; Spennymoor 4 Buxton 1; Winsford 1 Chorley 3; Witton 2 Frickley 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	35	24	9	2	66	23	81
Morecambe	34	22	8	4	76	29	74
Guiseley	33	21	8	4	77	45	71
Boston Utd	35	18	9	8	70	33	63
Spennymoor	33	16	7	10	53	43	55
Gainsboro	35	14	11	10	59	49	53
Hyde	32	15	7	10	57	46	52
Witton	36	13	13	10	46	43	52
B Auckland	34	15	6	13	57	44	51
Barrow	34	15	3	16	53	55	48
Buxton	34	14	6	14	50	52	48
Colwyn Bay	33	14	5	14	62	62	47
Emley	34	12	11	11	52	53	47
Chorley	36	11	8	19	57	74	39
Winsford	36	9	10	17	52	64	37
Knowsley	34	9	10	15	50	64	37
Matlock	32	11	3	18	42	53	36
A Stanley	35	8	12	15	37	67	36
Frickley	34	8	9	17	45	61	33
Droylsden	34	9	5	20	45	79	32
Whitley Bay	37	7	8	22	43	82	29
Horwich	36	8	4	24	44	72	28

First division: Alfreton 3 Workington 2; Blyth Spartans 3 Fleetwood 0; Caernarfon 1 Lancaster 0; Curzon Ashton 0 Gt Harwood 0, Eastwood 2 Ashton 0, Farsley Celtic 0 Congleton 2; Goole 4 Mossley 1; Harrogate 4 Gretna 0; Netherfield 1 Radcliffe 3, Warrington 4 Atherton LR 1, Worksop 2 Bamber Bridge 1

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Atherstone 1 Hastings 3; Cambridge City 0 Gloucester 1; Cheltenham 3 Sudbury 0; Corby 1 Burton 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 0 Trowbridge 0; Hednesford 3 Halesowen 2, Leek 1 Gresley 1; Sittingbourne 2 Chelmsford 3; Solihull 1 Crawley 1; VS Rugby 1 Dorchester 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	32	22	7	3	74	34	73
Cheltenham	31	21	6	4	71	26	69
Gloucester	34	21	5	8	66	33	68
Burton	32	14	12	6	44	33	54
Dorchester	31	15	8	8	58	40	53
Rushden	29	15	6	8	74	41	51
Cambridge C	32	15	6	11	49	42	51
Gresley R	34	14	9	11	58	54	51
Leek Town	31	14	8	9	56	45	50
Worcester	34	12	11	11	37	29	47
Halesowen	33	12	9	12	67	60	45
Gravesend	31	10	10	11	26	34	40
Hastings	31	9	11	11	38	39	38
Solihull	35	8	13	14	34	54	37
Atherstone	32	8	9	15	37	56	33
Chelmsford	29	9	5	15	39	44	32
Crawley	31	8	8	15	45	61	32
VS Rugby	32	7	10	15	30	48	31
Sudbury	31	8	7	16	38	64	31
Sittingbne	33	7	6	20	33	63	27
Trowbridge	32	5	11	16	28	52	26
Corby Town	32	4	9	19	31	81	20

Corby Town deducted 1 point for fielding ineligible player

Midland division: Armitage 0 Nuneaton 1, Bedworth 1 King's Lynn 0; Bridgnorth 1 RC Warwick 1; Dudley 3 Bilston 1; Grantham 1 Redditch 1; Hinckley 0 Forest Green 1; Leicester 0 Newport AFC 2; Rothwell 2 Tamworth 3; Stourbridge 0 Buckingham 1. Sutton Coldfield 1 Evesham 3; Ilkeston 1 Moor Green 3. Southern division: Ashford 2 Havant 1; Baldock 3 Waterlooville 1, Braintree 1 Yate 0; Burnham 0 Margate 2. Bury 0 Bashley 1; Fareham 2 Erith and Belvedere 2; Fisher 93 2 Wealdstone 2; Salisbury 3 Tonbridge AFC 3; Weston-Super-Mare 0 Newport IOW 0; Weymouth 1 Clevedon 0; Witney 2 Poole 0

DIADORA

Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 1 Sutton 1. Carshalton 2 Purfleet 2; Harrow 3 Aylesbury 0; Hendon 2 Chesham 1; Hitchin 0 Hayes 0, Kingstonian 0 Molesey 1; St Albans 3 Slough 1; Walton and Hersham 4 Dulwich 1; Wokingham 1 Bromley 1; Yeading 1 Grays 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Enfield	31	18	8	5	71	35	62
Hayes	32	17	11	4	47	27	62
Bromley	33	15	9	9	58	47	54
Aylesbury	30	16	5	9	60	38	53
Slough	28	14	9	5	55	39	51
St Albans	28	13	9	6	75	57	48
Harrow	32	14	5	13	53	51	47
Purfleet	34	12	10	12	68	73	46
Carshalton	34	13	7	14	53	61	46
Walton H	33	12	9	12	66	56	45
Molesey	30	13	6	11	50	43	45
Dulwich	32	12	8	12	53	56	44
Kingstonian	32	12	7	13	52	46	43
Grays	33	9	14	10	43	47	41
Yeading	31	9	12	10	47	49	39
Hitchin	29	9	11	9	45	50	38
Hendon	30	9	8	13	37	47	35
B Stortford	33	8	10	15	42	65	34
Sutton	30	8	8	14	44	47	32
Chesham	31	7	7	17	46	67	28
Marlow	29	5	8	16	31	59	23
Wokingham	31	5	5	21	32	68	20

First division: Abingdon 4 Whyteleafe 2, Basingstoke 1 Barking 0; Heybridge Swifts 2 Aldershot 1; Leyton 1 Billericay 2; Maidenhead 0 Boreham Wood 1, Newbury 0 Uxbridge 5; Ruislip Manor 1 Bognor Regis 0; Staines 5 Dorking 2: Tooting and Mitcham 2 Berkhamsted 1; Wembley 3 Chertsey 0; Wivenhoe 1 Worthing 4. Second division: Banstead 2 Hampton 2: Barton 1 Metropolitan Police 1; Cheshunt 2 Edgware 2. Croydon 1 Chalfont St Peter 1; Leatherhead 4 Hungerford 3; Malden Vale 4 Hemel Hempstead 1, Saffron Walden 2 Ware 0, Thame 2 Bracknell 1; Tilbury 0 Egham 0; Witham 2 Windsor and Eton 0. Third division: Camberley 0 Bedford 1, Collier Row 2 Kingsbury 1; Feltham and Hounslow 2 Clapton 1; Harefield 1 East Thurrock 1: Hertford 3 Flackwell Heath 1: Hornchurch 2 Cove 0; Leighton 0 Epsom and Ewell 1: Lewes 0 Southall 4; Northwood 0 Harlow 1. Tring 2 Canvey Island 4.

FA TROPHY

Fourth round: Enfield 1 Rushden and Diamonds 1; Kidderminster 5 Altrincham 0; Macclesfield 0 Woking 1. Marine 1 Hyde 3.

FA VASE: Semi-finals: Second leg: Arlesey 5 Raunds 0 (5-3 aet)

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 4 Thackley 0: Denaby 1 Hallam 2; Hucknall 3 Liversedge 1. Lincoln 3 Ossett Town 1: North Ferriby 3 Brigg 0: Ossett Albion 0 Glasshoughton Welfare 2; Pickering 2 Ashfield 1, Pontefract Collieries 0 Arnold 0: Sheffield 0 Maltby MW 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 0 Odd Down 0; Calne 1 Bideford 0; Crediton 0 Mangotsfield 3, Frome 3 Saltash 0. Taunton 0 Elmore 0; Torrington 1 Chippenham 1, Westbury 0 Tiverton 1

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss 5 Haverhill 1: Fakenham 3 Great Yarmouth 1, Felixstowe 2 Newmarket 0: Halstead 5 Chatteris 1: Lowestoft 3 Tiptree 0; March 2 Cornard 2, Soham 2 Watton 1, Sudbury 2 Wisbech 2. Woodbridge 1 Stowmarket 0: Wroxham 3 Harwich and Parkeston 1.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup 1 Nantwich 5. Bootle 1 Maine Road 1; Burscough 3 Blackpool Rovers 3; Bradford Park Avenue 2 Holker Old Boys 1, Chadderton 1 Eastwood Hanley 0: Kidsgrove 1 Prescot 0: Newcastle Town 1 Salford 0; Penrith 1 Skelmersdale 3. Rossendale 1 Glossop North End 1. St Helens 3 Darwen 1; Trafford 1 Clitheroe 0

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 3 Shildon 1, Dunston FB 4 Chester-le-Street 0; Durham 1 Bedlington 0; Hebburn 3 Consett 2; Northallerton 1 Prudhoe 0; RTM Newcastle 1 Tow Law 3; Seaham Red Star 0 Ferryhill 1. West Auckland 0 Eppleton 2.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: First division: Arsenal 2 West Ham 3. Charlton 0 Ipswich 1, Fulham 3 Cambridge U 1: Gillingham 1 L Orient 1; Millwall 0 QPR 0. Portsmouth 0 Watford 3. Tottenham 6 Southend 1. Second division: Brighton 0 Bournemouth 2. Bristol R 0 Colchester 0; Luton 0 Swindon 3; Reading 0 Bristol C 4: Southampton 1 Brentford 2: Wycombe 1 C Palace 4

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: West Ham 0 Tottenham 2.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon 3 Tuffley 3; Banbury 0 Shortwood 2: Cinderford 5 Brackley 1, Cirencester 1 Highworth 1: Fairford 10 Kintbury 0; North Leigh 2 Almondsbury 2; Pegasus Juniors 0 Carterton 0; Swindon Supermarine 4 Bicester 3

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Bolehall Swifts 3 Brierley Hill 0, Halesowen Harr 1 Shepshed D 0, Knypersley 0 Pershore 1; Oldbury 0 Chasetown 0, Rushall 2 Rocester 0; Sandwell 0 Boldmere St Michaels 2; Shifnal 1 Hinckley Athletic 2; Stratford 2 Willenhall 0; West Midlands Police 2 Barwell 3.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Lymington 0 Horndean 2, Andover 2 Brockenhurst 3, BAT 0 Fleet 2, Bemerton Heath Harl 1 Totton 0: Bournemouth 3 Wimborne 1; Christchurch 0 Ryde Sports 0; Downton 3 Petersfield 1, Portsmouth RN 3 Eastleigh 0; Swanage and Herston 2 Cowes Sports 3; Thatcham 3 Gosport 2.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chipstead 1 Viking Sports 3; Cranleigh 4 Farnham 0; DCA Basingstoke 0 Horley 1; Eton Wick 1 Ash 1: Hartley Wintney 1 Bedfont 2. Netherne 4 Godalming and Guildford 2: Peppard 5 Cobham 0. Sandhurst 0 Ashford 3: Westfield 0 Merstham 3.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel 0 Burgess Hill 1: Crowborough 0 Ringmer 3, East Grinstead 1 Langney Sports 0; Littlehampton 1 Newhaven 1, Pagham 0 Eastbourne 0; Peacehaven/Telscombe 5 Wick 1: Portfield 0 Hailsham 1. Stamco 3 Shoreham 1; Three Bridges 1 Whitehawk 0. Postponed: Southwick v Oakwood.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham 0 Canterbury 1, Corinthian 1 Chatham 5, Crockenhill 2 Greenwich 0; Darenth Heathside 2 Folkestone Invicta 6; Dartford 0 Herne Bay 0; Deal 2 Cray 2; Faversham 0 Tonbridge Wells 0; Furness 0 Thamesmead 0; Ramsgate 2 Slade Green 2; Whitstable 3 Kent Police 1

SKOL MIDLAND FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Premier division: Handrahan Timbers 1: Bloxwich 1 Alvechurch 1; Coleshill 1 Sherwood 1: Chelmsley 1 Meir KA 1; Kings Heath 1 Wellesbourne 2; Knowle 0 Shirley 0: Northfield 0 Olton Royale 1; Upton 0 West Midland Fire Service 2.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Dunstable 0 Potters Bar 4; Milton Keynes 1 Shillington 1; Royston 5 Brache Sparta 0; Welwyn GC 0 Buckingham 0; Wingate and Finchley 2 Hoddesdon 0. Trophy: Hatfield 2 Biggleswade 4: London Colney 1 Langford 1 (aet).

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brimsdown 1 Tower Hamlets 0; Brook House 1 Haringey 0; Corinthian 2 Beaconsfield Sycob 1: Croydon 3 Amersham 0; Hanwell 1 Cockfosters 1; St Margaretsbury 4 Barkingside 1

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 2 Eynesbury 0, Bourne 2 Northampton Spencer 1: Cogenhoe 0 Potton 1. Desborough 0 Holbeach 0; Long Buckby 0 Wellingborough 0, Mirrlees Blackstone 1 Stotfold 0, Stamford 1 Spalding 0; S and L Corby 1 Newport Pagnell 0

ESSEX SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basildon 0 Brentwood 2; Bowers 1 Maldon 4; Concord Rangers 0 Eton Manor 2: East Ham 0 Gt Wakering 1; Ford 0 Romford 1, Hullbridge 1 Stansted 2: Southend Manor 0 Burnham Ramblers 3.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich Strollers 5 Wednesfield 2; Cradley 0 Blakenall 1. Darlaston FC 0 Pelsall Villa 1; Hill Top Rangers 0 Stourport Swifts 2; Ludlow 3 Malvern 0, Lye 0 Tividale FC 1; Manders FC 0 Walsall Wood FC 4; Stafford FC 0 Gornal 1

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Crouch End Vampires 1 Midland Bank 1; Norsemen 0 Nat West Bank 1, South Bank Poly 2 Winchmore Hill 0, Old Actonians 2 West Wickham 2; Old Latymerians 3 East Barnet OG 0, Old Esthamelans 4 Civil Service 1; Alexandra Park 0 Lensbury 2; Polytechnic 3 Old Bromleians 1; Old Westminster 3 Old Stationers 1. Broomfield 1 Lloyds Bank 1; Old Parmiterians 1 Kew Association 4; Old Parkonians 0 Carshalton 1; Southgate Olympic 4 Merton 2; Old Salesians 2 Ibis 1: Brentham 4 Reigate Priory 1, Old Lyonians 1 Bank of England 0; Cuaco 0 Barclays Bank 2.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aloysians 1 Glyn 3, Wilsonians 1 Meadonians 1; Hamptonians 3 Chertsey 2, Cardinal Manning 2 Tenisonians 4; Ignatians 2 Danes 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Glyn	14	9	2	3	35	15	20
Tenisonians	15	9	2	4	34	25	20
Ignatians	12	8	2	2	29	18	18
Hamptonians	16	8	2	6	29	32	18
Meadonians	10	7	2	1	23	8	16
Aloysians	14	7	0	7	28	22	14
Wilsonians	17	4	3	10	26	38	11
Clapham	15	4	3	8	30	48	11
C Manning	12	4	2	6	21	24	10
Danes	13	4	2	7	29	34	10
Chertsey	18	2	2	12	27	47	6

Senior first division: Isleworthians 1 Salvatorians 0: Tenisonians R 1 Latymer R 0, Phoenix 4 Edmontonians 0; Wokingians 0 Tiffinians 8; Shene 1 Kingsburians 0 Senior second division: Manorians 3 Tollingtonians 1; Enfield 1 Minchenderians 2; Mill Hill 1 Westhamians 1, Ignatians R 1 Camdenians 3; John Fisher 1 Meadonians R 1. Senior third division: Leyton 2 Alpertonians 2; Glyn R 2 Grocers 7; Greenfordians 0 Salvatonians 0

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior First: Southgate County 0 Old Owens 2; Ulysses 3 Old Grammarians 0; Witan 2 Wandsworth 0 Senior Second: Duncombe Sports 0 Old Fairlopians 2; Ealing Association 1 UCL Academicals 0: Honourable Artillery Co 2 Old Finchleians 1; Old Bealonians 2 Hale End 2. Senior Third: Birkbeck College 1 Polygons 1; Old Monovians 1 Brent 0, Senior Fourth: Broadfields 2 Centymca 0, Cardinal Pole 6 Bournside 1: London Airways 3 Economicals 1; Old Simmarobians 4 Hampstead Heathens 1, Pegasus 3 Mayfield 0.

NATIONAL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry 2 Cwmbran 3, Caersws 0 Llanelli 2; Conwy 4 Connah's Quay 5, Inter Cardiff 0 Porthmadog 1; Llansantffraid 1 Bangor City 1: Maesteg Park 0 Holywell 4; Mold 0 Newtown 2, Rhyl 1 Flint Town 2; Ton Pentre 2 Aberystwyth 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor	30	23	4	3	75	21	73
Newtown	29	17	6	6	70	34	57
Afan Lido	27	17	6	4	45	27	57
Cwmbran	31	18	3	10	56	41	57
Ton Pentre	27	16	6	5	58	33	54
Flint Town	30	15	2	13	58	51	47
Llansan'ffraid	29	14	5	10	51	45	47
Holywell	29	12	8	9	53	46	44
Rhyl	31	13	4	14	60	54	43
I Cardiff	28	11	9	8	47	33	42
Conwy	31	12	6	13	52	53	42
Connah's Q	30	11	7	12	50	51	40
Barry Town	28	10	9	9	53	47	39
Ebbw Vale	30	9	6	15	41	49	33
Caersws	29	8	8	13	42	49	32
Mold	31	9	4	18	47	72	31
Porthmadog	30	8	6	16	44	57	30
Aberystwyth	29	5	11	13	41	57	26
Llanelli	32	6	5	21	51	86	23
Maesteg Pk	29	1	5	23	18	34	8

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 3 Ballyclare 0: Coleraine 3 Bangor 3; Crusaders 4 Larne 1. Distillery 2 Ballymena 1; Linfield 0 Cliftonville 0, Newry 6 Carrick 1, Omagh 3 Glenavon 2; Portadown 0 Glentoran 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Crusaders	25	19	5	1	52	18	62
Glenavon	25	14	5	6	60	33	47
Coleraine	25	10	12	3	47	33	42
Cliftonville	25	11	9	5	37	26	42
Portadown	24	12	3	9	48	33	39
Linfield	25	10	8	7	41	27	38
Distillery	24	11	5	8	41	37	38
Glentoran	25	10	7	8	43	35	37
Ards	24	11	4	9	45	41	37
Omagh Town	35	7	12	6	32	28	33
Bangor	25	6	12	7	35	33	30
Carrick	25	7	6	12	42	65	27
Ballymena	24	6	5	13	32	45	23
Newry	24	3	8	13	31	56	17
Ballyclare	25	4	4	17	28	57	16
Larne	24	2	3	19	16	83	9

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
2	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	3	1½	2	2	1½	2	2	2	3	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	3	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	3	2	1½	3	2½	1½	2	1½	3	3	1½	3	3	1½	3	1½	2½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 24pts. dividend forecast is moderate with 12 jackpot draws and four high-score draws

Single point makes all the difference for sides competing at either end of Courage first division



Bayfield, left, the Northampton forward, prepares to take advantage as a Harlequins lineout ball eludes the leap of Snow. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Harlequins improve survival prospects



David Hands reports on a narrow 10-9 victory for Harlequins over relegation rivals Northampton

WHAT a difference a point makes. On Saturday one was enough to remove Bath from the top of the Courage Clubs Championship and to keep Harlequins clinging to their first division lifeline at the bottom. Their precious victory at the Stoop Memorial Ground leaves Northampton three points adrift.

Not that you would yet bank on Harlequins staying up, but the sheer relief of winning so critical a game was amply demonstrated by Brian Moore. The nation's most controversial hooker came close to pounding the turf in frustration as Challinor missed his third penalty at the end of the first half; at the end of the second half, Moore was nearly dancing a jig as the whistle blew.

"It has been far more difficult playing for Quins than it has for England this season," Moore said. He admits to having underestimated the demands of the club captaincy. The need to keep players focused on their specific and collective tasks can be taken for granted in the international side. But he could have had few complaints on that score on Saturday.

In an error-ridden game, Harlequins applied their noses to the grindstone in the second half in a manner which, as Dick Best, their director of rugby, admitted, was most uncharacteristic. They scored two tries from pressure positions which they needed to do, so woeful was their goalkicking on a day when the strong, flukey wind pushed many kicks in to touch on the full on one side of the field, or kept them infield on the other.

Yet Harlequins are far from safe: they will target two of their remaining four games, against Orrell — where they have never won a league match — and at Gloucester as most likely to yield the four points that should be enough. They will call upon their internationals for those games and rest them, as England require, at home to Bath and at Leicester, though if Ian McGeechan, Northampton's director of rugby, has his way he may yet wring concessions from the England management over the ruling which limits World Cup-squad members to two league matches in April.

McGeechan will doubtless point out the inconsistencies of a situation where, as Best remarked, half the World Cup squad could be "knocking seven bells out of each other" in the Pilkington Cup final ten days before departure for South Africa. Northampton, of course, will not be involved in the cup, but the loss of Rodber and Bayfield from their remaining league matches could be the difference between success or surrender.

Northampton's April programme gives them games with Orrell at home, Gloucester away, Wasps at home and West Hartlepool away, but they will have to be far more positive than this if they are to make up ground on Harlequins and, now, West Hartlepool. McGeechan was deeply disappointed that his players, having led 3-0 at half-time and 9-5 early in the second half, failed to take control of their own destiny.

Instead they retreated into a shell, handed the initiative to Harlequins with a succession of mistakes and made, with the exception of Grayson's line kicking, no use of the conditions. Bayfield and Walton gave them enough possession to manufacture a game, but they could develop no continuity; of Hunter and two useful wings nothing was seen and never once did they threaten the try line.

Harlequins had both the confidence and composure to impose a shape on the game: Challinor may have missed four attempts at goal, and Greenwood two more, but the half backs pushed the forwards into the right-hand corner, aware that the powerful Watson and Carling in midfield would keep them there. Those two were the only players who consistently crossed the gain line, notably after Northampton's kick-off to begin the second half had gone directly into touch.

It was that sort of game for the Saints, so distinctly unblessed here. But Harlequins were able to work Kitchin over on the short side of a ruck and then launch an unmarked Staples clear for a try from a neat move between Sheasby and Kitchin.

They also had the gumption to grind Northampton's increasingly fragile front row at a series of scrums and, in the final half-hour, deny Grayson a platform from which he could kick a match-winning goal for the visitors. It was not pretty but then, for both these famous clubs, style has long since departed.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Kitchin, Staples. Northampton: Penalty goals: Grayson (3).
HARLEQUINS: J Staples; P Menesh, W Carling, W Greenwood, S Bromley; P Challinor, R Kitchin; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Watson, A Snow, P Thresher, R Jenkins, C Sheasby.
NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; N Beal, F Packman, M Allen, H Thomeycroft; P Grayson, M Dawson; M Volland, A Clarke, M Lewis, P Walton, J Phillips, M Bayfield, J Cassell, T Rodber. Cassell replaced by S Foale (30min).
Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).

Winning habit deserts Bath at crucial time

Wasps 11
Bath 10

BY PETER BILLS

DAYS when Bath Rugby Club get it wrong have become collector's items. A ready grasp of tactics required in all conditions has underpinned the West Country club's domination of the English game since the mid-1980s. Yet at Sudbury on Saturday, plainly, they failed in their tactical planning.

The inquests had already begun amid huddled, concerned groups of Bath supporters, after their first defeat in the Courage Clubs Championship since November 1993, even before the first of the broadly grinning victors had emerged from the dressing-room. For this defeat might cost Bath their title.

The chief miscalculation Bath made was to select their most astute tactician, Catt, at centre instead of at stand-off. The champions suffered grievously from Butland's inexperience in the role of pivot. Catt, who reads the game so well, would surely have had inspired a more productive response to the position in which Bath found themselves early in the second half when Wasps were 11-0 ahead through Greenwood's try and two penalties from Andrew.

Although Callard's subsequent penalty and conversion of Butland's try put Bath within a point, much endeavour in the final 20 minutes could not produce the score that would have saved the day. For once, Bath lacked the ability to scramble a win after being behind, which has been one of their enduring traits.

They were unable to mask inexperience in crucial parts of the field in a game that was by turns compelling, fierce, frenzied and physical.

The champions had the benefit of a strengthening wind behind them when they turned around 8-0 down, with Wasps knowing they should been further ahead, for Andrew had landed only two goals from six attempts and the forwards had won sufficient ball to produce more scores. But poor alignment behind the scrum meant Wasps lacked a cutting edge.

When Bath came to use the wind, they, too, made serious misjudgments. What was needed were half backs able to boot the ball into the left-hand corner, setting up the forwards for drives close to the line. Barnes and Hill were experts at this phase; but their successors lacked the cool control required. Without venerable warhorses such as Hall and Dawe to drive them forward, the pack stuttered, too. Bath lost the lineouts 21-15 and were far too slow in coming to terms with Mr Pearson's interpretation of the offside law.

Four matches remain and Bath will almost certainly have to win them all to retain the trophy. Leicester, who entertain them on April 15 in what will probably be the decisive game, lead the table because of a superior points difference of 12.

Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, believes good can come from the defeat on Saturday. "There was incredible disappointment in the dressing-room afterwards," he said. "I think that will be the motivational factor to ensure we go forward in a winning way for the rest of the season."

In some recent league campaigns Bath have not had to pull out every stop to win. Now they will have to, and that could be the spur required, especially if the team is revived by the return of the players of the calibre of Guscott, Swift, Nicol, Ubogu, Dawe and, principally, Hall.



Catt: wasted at centre

Ubogu, the England prop, drew criticism for being in Hong Kong, from where he said yesterday: "I should have been back there, but the main reason I'm out here is to do some work. From time to time, that has to take precedence."

For Wasps, it was the perfect preparation for the Pilkington Cup semi-final at Leicester on Saturday. Their pleasure was enhanced by further victories over Bath at second XV, under-21 and under-19 levels.

SCORERS: Wasps: Try: Greenwood. Penalty goals: Andrew (2). Bath: Try: Butland. Conversion: Callard. Penalty goal: Callard.
WASPS: J Ufton; P Hopley, D Hopley, G Childs, S Roiser; R Andrew, S Bates; N Popplewell, K Dunn, I Dunston, L Dallaglio, M Greenwood, N Hadley, M White, D Ryan
BATH: J Callard; J Sleightholme, P de Glanville, M Catt, S Geoghegan; R Butland, I Sanders; K Yates, G Adams, J Mallett, A Robinson, M Haag, N Redman, E Peters, B Clarke.
Referee: J Pearson (Durham).

Defence thwarts students' flair

Aberavon 21
Cardiff IHE 15

BY GERALD DAVIES

WITH last December's vivid University match still imprinted on the memory, and the midweek British universities final at Twickenham providing a thrilling encounter, the institutes of higher education are providing a colourful counterpoint to what is mostly monotone. On Saturday it was Cardiff Institute's turn to attempt to break the shackles of inhibition that so restricts much of club rugby.

This was a good cup match played between teams at the top of their respective divisions, with Aberavon looking set to return to the first. It accumulated to an exciting climax with the Institute throwing everything into attack. But the home side's defence held firm.

While Aberavon played the more cautious tactical game, it was the students, with their bold adventurous strokes, who made it interesting.

If they were prone to error, the last 20 minutes of thrilling attack seemed to prove the point. And their confident try in the second half amply demonstrated the vision they have for the game.

Earlier in the season Wales's senior clubs complained to the Welsh Rugby Union of the Institute's privileged position. In not allowing their students to be released on the free market, which prevents them from playing for anyone else, the Institute was seen to be given preferential treatment. Others claim that the Institute was restricting the development of players who would otherwise be performing in the first division. This has been a perennial proposition ever since Gareth Edwards ruled their playing fields. The argument might have had some validity then. Not so any longer when their talented players might simply make up the numbers on the clubs' replacement benches.

In any case, the students are being given a better grounding in the potential of rugby at the Institute they might not get in what is being increasingly seen as the blinkered approach of many clubs.

Vobe had dropped a smart goal in response to Watts's penalty before the first of four tries. Three skewed scrums had taken place before Stubbs finally picked up from the fourth and ran over for a try. The Institute took a quick tap and with Thomas entering the line from full back, Dodd scored with Savastano converting from the touchline.

Watts kicked penalties on either side of half-time to give them a 16-10 lead. The visitors' response was to counter-attack from deep in their own half. Geraint Davies began it, Vobe and Edwards continued before Dodd got his second try. Aberavon's try was another drive from a scrum and a push for Ford, who scored.

SCORERS: Aberavon: Tries: Stubbs, Ford. Conversion: Watts. Penalty goals: Watts (3). Cardiff Institute of Higher Education: Tries: Dodd (2). Conversion: Savastano. Dropped goal: Vobe.
ABERAVON: M Watts, B Grabham, J Jardine, G Thomas, S Hutchenson; P Williams, P Horgan, J Hughes, I Evans, G Richardson, B Shenton, S Ford, P Matthews, C Kinsey, N Stubbs. Watts replaced by D Davies (65min).
CARDIFF IHE: J Thomas, J Dodd, M Evans, G Davies, P Wellington; G Vobe, D Edwards, P Riley, C Ferris, A Millward, C Evans, M Glover, S Martin, C Brown, J Savastano.
Referee: O James (Pontypridd).

Wales take advantage of shoddy approach

THE present generation of Welsh rugby players may be in dispirited mood, but the next seems in good heart (David Hands writes). Displaying a wit and verve completely beyond the England Colts (under-19s), the Welsh — in the form of Wales Youth — continued their unbeaten season at this level at the Stoop Memorial Ground yesterday, winning 22-12 and offering hope for the future.

They offered, too, the day's outstanding players in Martyn Williams and Hywel Jenkins, the flankers. They impressed going forward in the first half and were never found wanting when resolute defence was required in the second. Williams, too, was present to capitalise on one of many England handling errors which led to a decisive try by Waine.

This was Wales's third success of the season, after wins in Italy and against France, though they will seldom find an opponent so helpful to their cause. England's discipline was appalling and they were fortunate to end with their team intact. Four players received stiff lectures from an increasingly frustrated referee, among them Phil Greening, the captain. Their organisation was little better.

Building on an early try by Saddler and shrugging of the loss of their stand-off half, Wales kicked their penalties for an 11-0 interval lead. A strong burst by Blyth created a flicker of hope for England, but they showed no coherence, save for the rumbling forward move which put Vickery over for a late try.

SCORERS: England Colts: Tries: A Blyth, P Vickery. Conversion: P Belgian. Wales Youth: Tries: R Saddler, N Waine. Penalty goals: G Watts (4)

Turner conjures decisive score

Gloucester 8
Sale 20

BY BRYAN STILES

IT WAS only fitting that the master of ceremonies should bring down the curtain and do it with the smartest trick of the show. Paul Turner was the master of almost everything that happened at Kingsholm on Saturday and he delivered his *coup de grâce* with the most extravagant of final gestures — a try conjured out of nothing that sealed victory.

Turner must be the cleverest stand-off, cum-captain, cum-coach in the home countries. He is certainly the wittiest of strategists. He had been teasing and taunting the Gloucester defence all afternoon as he guided Sale towards victory in this mid-table game in the Courage Clubs Championship first division. Then, with Gloucester striving for the converted try near the end that would have given them victory, he engineered an assault on the home line.

From a maul 20 metres out he sent the Gloucester defence to the right and danced down the left touchline, fooling the brace of defenders trying to stop him before swerving over the line and touching down with the beaming smile of a satisfied winner.

His organisational flair, his ability to improve the skills levels and awareness of his charges and his innate talent as a player, have lifted Sale to a level that few would have predicted when they were promoted to the first division at the end of last season.

Many would say his country — Wales — need him even more than Sale do. He pulled on the red jersey three times in 1989 and there must be a place in the Wales coaching hierachy for such a talent in the years ahead.

Gloucester, certainly found him too much of a handful as Sale registered their first double over the West Country club with a win by a goal, two tries and a penalty goal to a try and a penalty goal.

Things are not going Gloucester's way. They chose to play into the wind in the first half, hoping to capitilise when it was in their favour after the interval — but it had turned into a light breeze by then.

More significantly, their director of coaching, Barrie Corless, left Kingsholm several weeks ago and has not been replaced. It may have accounted for a lack of control that bedevilled Gloucester's efforts early in the second half when they tried to get on terms. Trailing 8-3 at half-time, they had levelled the scores at 8-8 and seemed set fair for victory, when they lost their way, taking the wrong options, dropping passes and generally handing the initiative to their opponents.

Osborne opened the scoring for Gloucester in the tenth minute with a penalty goal, but Turner soon helped to put Sale ahead, starting a move which sent in Mallinder for a try. Liley, using the wind well, added a penalty goal before the interval. It looked as if Gloucester were going to dash Sale's hopes when Holford collected a neat chip ahead by Caskie to score in the corner to make it 8-8, but Fowler, from a tapped penalty, and Turner, in injury time, snapped up tries that sunk Gloucester.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Try: Holford. Penalty goal: Osborne. Sale: Tries: Mallinder, Fowler, Turner. Conversion: Liley.
GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Holford, D Caskie, L Osborne, S Morris, M Kimber, B Feaney; T Windo, J Hawker, P Jones, P Glanville, D Sims, R West, A Stanley, M Teague. Sims replaced by M Nicholls (40min); Morris replaced by M Roberts (57).
SALE: R Liley; J Mallinder, J Baxendell, G Stocks, M Appleson; P Turner, C Sevenmutto; P Smith, S Diamond, A Smith, D Erskine, J Fowler, D Baldwin, A Morris, C Vyvyan.
Referee: D Reorden (United States).

Lomu leads N Zealand to triumph in sevens

TO NEW Zealand the glory, after they powered their way to victory over Fiji in a marvellous final, but England left the twentieth Hong Kong sevens tournament in buoyant mood as well, having reached the knockout stages at their first attempt (David Llewellyn writes).

England lost out to Australia in the quarter-finals, but their efforts probably softened the Wallabies, who fell heavily to Fiji in the semi-finals.

It was then Fiji's turn in the final, a classic of its kind, filled with thrills and magical moments, sevens rugby at its best and the New Zealand All Blacks at their most dazzling.

The leading player as New Zealand retained their title was the 19-year-old Jona Lomu with two tries in the 35-17 victory, while Adrian Cashmore scored 15 points with a try and five conversions.

England had disposed of Papua New Guinea and Canada in the round-robin matches, though they found Australia too tough a proposition. The Wallabies created endless overlaps that the English, valiant tacklers till the end, could not stem.

England's preparations did not help their cause. One training session was all they had and that was after the original squad had been weakened by club calls. There was some intensive care to detail on arrival under the guidance of the coach, Les Cusworth.

Ireland's fortunes in the plate championship were poor, going down 22-14 to Japan. Canada won that competition and Hong Kong, the hosts, retained the bowl championship.

Blackheath draw on finer qualities

Blackheath 12
Bedford 12

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

BLACKHEATH and Bedford did the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship proud on Saturday, and, after this result and the defeat of Otley at Exeter, it is odds-on that they will meet again next season on a higher plane.

Justifiably, they occupied first and second places in the division at the start of play and knew that a draw — whatever happened away from Rectory Field — would still leave each in command of their own destiny, but any suggestion that this was a contrived result could not be further from the truth as they set to at a frantic pace.

Casting aside something of a reputation for not being the best of travellers, Bedford dominated the first quarter and came strong again in the last ten minutes, but between times the initiative was very much with Blackheath and they certainly shaded the match on points.

With both sides eager to run the ball in conditions ideal for that type of play, the skill factor was high throughout and the back rows were fully employed, but endeavour is no substitute for class, and, in Fran Clough, Bedford had, even when they were under pressure, the man who looked most likely to break the deadlock of the last 50 minutes.

That he was not allowed to was as much down to excellent blanket tackling by McIntyre and Smith as to Bedford being not yet fully tuned to his wavelength, but "Albert" Finnie and Ben Whetstone can only benefit from playing with the former Orrell, Wasps and England centre and there will be several defences in the second division wary already of that triumvirate.

Extending his vein of blistering form, Mick Harris stood out at No 8 for Blackheath and Gary Furneaux tied up the front of the lineout, while trivia buffs will delight in the fact that the teams were captained by their open-side flankers and both scored tries.

That hectic start provided Bedford with a 12-0 lead after 17 minutes. Alston scored from the tail of a lineout and Whetstone finished a threequarter movement as good as you could wish for, but it served only to enliven Blackheath and they responded immediately. Stealing the ball from the restart, they worked Shadbolt over on the right for a try which Howard converted, and, within ten minutes, Booth emerged, ball in hand, after a back-row drive at a five-metre scrum.

The scene was set for a scoring feast; a situation that few in the bulging stand would have bet against. That it did not materialise hardly seemed to matter; perhaps it will next season.

SCORERS: Blackheath: Tries: Shadbolt, Booth. Conversion: Howard. Bedford: Tries: Alston, Whetstone. Conversion: Finnie.
BLACKHEATH: S Burns; M Griffiths, J McIntyre, R Smith, M Hanslip, S Howard, M Friday; P Shadbolt, C Ridgway, M Stewart, D Walton, G Furneaux, A Codling, T Booth, M Harris.
BEDFORD: M Cook; R Subbiani, F Clough, B Whetstone, J Simons; A Finnie, J Farr; K Houghton, M Sharp, S Basra, S Harris, M Upex, D Wyer-Roberts, P Alston, M Rennell.
Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

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Totting up the kilos instead of calories

BY JOHN GOODBODY

IT HAD to happen. Another stronghold of male chauvinism and educational prejudice was undermined yesterday when the first British schoolgirls' weightlifting championships were held in Bristol, proving once again that girls' sport is no longer just about hockey, lacrosse and netball.

Weightlifting, with its intense male bonding, was always one of the most chauvinistic of sports, in which females were tolerated only for their ability to grill steaks. But things change; ten years ago the first national women's championships were staged.

The event contested yesterday was organised by the south-west region of the British Amateur Weightlifters' Association and held at Hartcliffe School. Competition was in three age categories — under-16, under-14 and under-13.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Although most of the successful competitors came from the south-west, the girl who raised the heaviest weight was Christabel Fellows, from Dewsbury. She won the under-59kg class, breaking four British records and totalling 95kg for the two lifts of snatch and clean and jerk.

The youngest female winner of an English native title, when she was 13, she only just missed competing against her mother, Mary, who was national champion in 1989. Her father, Alex, is not a weightlifter. "He just sits and chews his nails while they are competing," Jim Mason, the coach, said.

Christabel goes to the St John Fisher School and is hoping to do a performing arts course at Huddersfield Youth College. She sees a similarity between weightlifting on a platform and acting on a stage. "The spotlight is on you. I get a really good buzz when I have lifted a heavy weight."

Last week, one evening's training was followed the next night by watching a performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Leeds Playhouse. Christabel, a member of the British junior squad, trains at Batley sports centre, a member of what are called the Batley barbelles. Weightlifters are into jokes like that. Mick Hill, Britain's No 2 javelin thrower, is frequently training alongside her.

Mason, with 60 years of experience of the sport, is enthusiastic. "It is not as if girls give up their childhood to train. Christabel only lifts for one to one-and-a-half hours a week.

"Males often think they are better than they are while females uusually underestimate their potential. Christabel could be more aggressive. We are working on that."

In the under-42kg class, Kay Gascoigne, 13, of Bristol, almost lifted her own bodyweight overhead and broke eight British records, finally totalling 70kg.

At John Cabot's technology college, she plays netball, football, and is a promising runner. Her stepfather, Ron, agrees that weightlifting is fine for girls, provided they are taught correctly.

In the over-59kg section, Amanda Fisher, 13, and her twin, Laura, had an epic contest before Amanda won by five kilos with a total of 87.5kg. Their mother, Cath, said: "They do have a rivalry, though curiously enough it is outside weightlifting. My first reaction when they started lifting was: 'You're not doing that. You will get big and muscly.' However, I was quickly converted."

Yesterday she was in charge of the buffet for the competitors, a formidable assignment as she knew from her daughters' appetites. "Every time they pass the cupboard, they pull something out."

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Ewens turns out for his school, Colston's, at Twickenham, turning down a place in the England team

Split loyalties spice rugby spectacle

Alison Kervin reports on the choice between school and country facing two young players

Thousands of excited youngsters, some in rugby shirts and with painted faces, and others in dashing public school blazers, descended screaming, whistling and singing upon Twickenham for the *Daily Mail* schools day on Saturday.

The annual showpiece of schools rugby had all the ingredients for a truly theatrical occasion. Three matches to watch: under-15 and under-18 schools matches followed by the England v Scotland 18 group match and, at the centre of it all, a dilemma for two players. Alistair Bell and Joseph Ewens were selected to represent England, and their school, Colston's Collegiate, on the same day.

The drama was heightened when one elected to play for country and the other for his school. For Ewens, loyalties and valued friendships corrupted the simplicity of the decision to take his place in the England line-up. "I knew straight away I would play for the school and not England. I have too many friends and team-mates at school and I would hate to let them down. I just hope the England management understand."

With a countenance of true sportsmanship, he added: "We certainly all understand Alistair's position in opting to play for England and we wished him all the very best of luck."

A similar dilemma faced the Colston's coach, Andy Robinson, on Saturday. He chose to play for Bath against Wasps in the Courage Clubs Championship instead of supporting the school that he has helped to take to such great heights.

Alan Martinovic, the deputy head of Colston's and a fellow coach, said: "He had to play for Bath because they had an extremely important match. It is always difficult when you have split loyalities but it happens a lot. The boys had a tough decision to make. The most important thing for all of us was that the decision be left to the boys themselves. If we had tried to force them one way or another it would have been unfair on them, and under pressure they would not have played their best for either side."

In the event, both Colston's and England won their matches, so there were no regrets or thoughts of misplaced loyalties. England beat Scotland 19-14, thanks both to the kicking of the wing, Jeremy Cook, who succeeded with four penalties and a conversion, and to superior forward power. It was not a brilliant display of rugby as their coach, Geoff Wappett, conceded. Nervousness brought on by the occasion tainted the performance but it was a sound victory.

Scotland scored the try of the day when James Craig raced 70 metres in a wonderful jinking run, beating five England defenders before being stopped short of the line with a plethora of players outside him. Nick Outlaw received the pass and cruised over. England replied when the forwards piled over from a lineout and the loose head prop, Michael Worsley, touched down.

In the under-18 schools match, Colston's defeated Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield 23-0, a brace of tries coming from the right wing, Matthew James.

Dulwich College fought off Bristol Grammar to take the under-15 crown in a try-scoring spectacle. Dan Brewer notched up three of their five tries in a 37-0 triumph.

England's next match is against Wales on Wednesday. "Before you ask, there is absolutely no doubt in anyone's mind that Joe Ewens is up for selection," pre-empted Wappett. "His decision . . . in no way affects his future selection."

Connolly guides Wigan down familiar route

Wigan 48
Oldham 20

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AN EIGHTH year at Wembley, a sixth successive championship just about in the bag and another treble on the horizon prompt the question: will Wigan ever be sated with success? Not yet, at least. For all the talk of Graeme West failing to crack down on one or two over-egged egos, 35 wins and two defeats (to Australia and Leeds) provide an inviolable truth about a side more dominant under West as coach in the past ten months than before.

If it is getting easier, it is because sides more blessed than Oldham have allowed the gap to widen. Hull's predicament above the first division trapdoor is a reminder of mortality to the greatest teams, but in the cycle of sporting fortune, there is no apparent sign of Wigan declining.

Complacency crept in at Huddersfield in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final, for which Oldham were grateful, and explained Wigan's after-match hush. Simply reaching the final, even for the 25th time, is no longer cause for champagne. It is frightening to imagine the scoreline on Saturday had Wigan been on all cylinders.

Even so, only the 71 points they put past Bradford in 1992 exceeded their semi-final tally this time, underlining the predictability of an occasion that only the most loyal attended.

To make the handling errors Wigan did and still score nine tries said more about Oldham's suicidal tendency than the holders' killer instinct.

Wigan have, in Connolly and Tuigamala, a wondrous, contrasting centre combination of glider and bulldozer. They were the outstanding individuals, along with Betts, whose wide running was devastating, that Wigan seem to have in inexhaustible supply.

The opposition had one in Belle, a stocky, muscular wing whose pace and vision brought him two tries. If Richards had taken his blinkers off in open field, a third for Belle was inevitable, but only when the task was way beyond them did Oldham fully grasp their chances.

Three of nine first-half penalties given away resulted in Wigan breaching the thinnest of white lines offered as Oldham's defence. Discipline improved, but only after Tuigamala scored the try that effectively decided the outcome, after apparently being tripped by Stephenson. The hooker was put on report, rather than being automatically dismissed, because his hand was seemingly also involved.

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With apologies to Featherstone Rovers, Leeds might at least give Wigan a proper examination on April 29. West does not mind who they play. "I've not had anything to do with Wembley since winning there as a player with Wigan in 1988," he said. "I'm looking forward to it, definitely."

SCORERS: Wigan: Tries: Connolly (3), Betts (2), Tuigamala (2), Edwards, Mather. Goals: Botica (6). Oldham: Tries: Belle (2), Sherratt, Bradbury. Goals: Marsh (2).

WIGAN: H Paul; J Robinson, V Tuigamala, G Connolly, M Offiah (sub: B-J Mather, 25min); F Botica, S Edwards; K Skerrett (sub: A Farrell, 34), M Hall, N Cowie, D Betts, M Casskily, P Clarke.

OLDHAM: W Gibson; A Belle, P Topping, D Abram, S Ranson (sub: D Bradbury, 32); W Marsh, M Crompton, I Sherratt (sub: C Richards, 34), D Stephenson, J Temu, G Lord, J Faimalo, M Kuiti.

Referee: R Smith.

Rovers gain the edge

FEATHERSTONE Rovers are the form side for Saturday's second Challenge Cup semi-final after their eighth win in nine games at the expense yesterday of St Helens (Christopher Irvine writes).

Late tries by Daniel Divet and Neil Roebuck down the slope at Post Office Road clinched a 34-27 home victory. Leeds. Featherstone's opponents at Elland Road, recovered from two defeats in four days by winning 30-10 at Bradford Northern.

Wigan, three points clear of Bradford with two games in hand, will wrap up a sixth consecutive title against Northern at home on April 9, provided they beat Halifax on Wednesday and next Sunday.

Warrington edged into fourth place with a 58-22 trouncing of Salford, while Sheffield Eagles snatched a 14-10 win at Wakefield Trinity when Ryan Sheridan scored after a dubious penalty that prompted unsavoury scenes.

In their faltering charge for promotion from the second division, Keighley Cougars lost 12-2 at Carlisle. Batley, a point behind in second place, handed Leigh a 78-22 defeat.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

I was nicely ahead in the high game at TGR's the other day, when I picked up this hand:

♠J842 ♥876 ♦832 ♣743

At love-all my left hand opponent opened One No Trump and my partner doubled. My right hand opponent redoubled. What should I do?

Some people take the view that you should never stick One No-Trump Redoubled — any penalty you might incur at the two level is likely to be less costly. Such players would start a rescue mission by bidding Two Clubs, hoping to wriggle into a playable spot.

I belong to the school which says it's better to say nowt with nowt. Apart from anything else, it is extremely undignified to be hounded from suit to suit as the opponents double with greater and greater enthusiam. So I passed stoicly, expecting a good proportion of the day's profits to go out of the window. My left hand-opponent passed and, suppressing a smirk, so did my partner. Two minutes later I wrote down 1600 points in the 'WE' column, after my partner had taken eight heart tricks and two diamonds. This was the full deal:

Dealer South. **Love all. Rubber Bridge**

	♠Q10975 ♥- ♦10964 ♣AKJ10	
♠6 ♥AKQ95432 ♦AK7 ♣5	N W E S	♠J842 ♥876 ♦832 ♣743
	♠AK3 ♥J10 ♦QJ5 ♣Q9862	

S	W	N	E
1NT	Dble	Redble	All pass

Contract: 1NT Redoubled, by South. Opening lead: Ace of hearts

North had an awkward bid over the Double. Nevertheless, I think Redouble is too likely to lead to an accident along the lines of what actually happened. Best is just to bid Two Spades with the idea of competing further if the opposition come in with hearts.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sharp theory

In Linares two of the sharp modern systems against the king pawn suffered setbacks. The Pelikan/Sveshnikov variation of the Sicilian and the Marshall Gambit against the Ruy Lopez are both considered counterattacks rather than defensive systems. But when the French Grandmaster Joel Lautier and the Bosnian Ivan Sokolov adopted these lines both suffered reverses.

White: Veselin Topalov
Black: Ivan Sokolov
Linares, March 1995

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	0-0
8	a4	b4
9	c3	d5
10	exd5	Nxd5
11	Nxe5	Nxe5
12	Rxe5	c6
13	d4	Bd6
14	Re1	Qh4
15	g3	Qh3
16	Be3	Bg4
17	Qd3	bxc3
18	Nxc3	Rfb8
19	Bd1	Rxb2
20	Bxg4	Qxg4
21	Nxd5	cxd5
22	Reb1	Rxb1+
23	Rxb1	a5
24	Rb5	Qf3
25	Qb3	Bb4
26	Qxd5	Qd1+
27	Kg2	Rf8
28	Qc4	h6
29	d5	Qxa4
30	d6	Qa1
31	d7	Qf6
32	Bb6	Be7
33	Bxa5	Qa6
34	Qd5	Kh7
35	Qe4+	g6
36	Re5	Bd6
37	Rd5	Qa8
38	f3	Black resigns

White: Alexander Khalifman
Black: Joel Lautier
Linares, March 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	Nc6
6	Ndb5	d6
7	Bf4	e5
8	Bg5	a6
9	Na3	b5
10	Bxf6	gxf6
11	Nd5	Bg7
12	Bd3	Ne7
13	Nxe7	Qxe7
14	0-0	f5
15	c4	0-0
16	Qf3	bxc4
17	Nxc4	d5
18	exd5	e4
19	Qe3	Bb7
20	d6	Qf6
21	Bc2	f4
22	Qh3	Rac8
23	Bb3	Rc5
24	Rad1	Rg5
25	Rd2	Bd5
26	Nb6	Bxb3
27	Nd7	Qg6
28	Nxf8	Bxf8
29	axb3	Bxd6
30	Rc1	Be7
31	Rd7	Qf6
32	Rc8+	Kg7
33	Qc3	Qxc3
34	bxc3	Ra5
35	Kf1	Bh4
36	Rc4	Ra1+
37	Ke2	Ra2+
38	Rd2	Black resigns

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

THURIFICATION
a. Immortalising
b. Coniferous undergrowth
c. Making incense

BUMBLEPUPPY
a. A beagle
b. A ball game
c. A clumsy but well-meaning man

ANTANAGOGE
a. A counter-charge
b. A first-century heretic
c. Flowing upstream

KAMICHI
a. A bird
b. Bonsai arrangement
c. A short sword

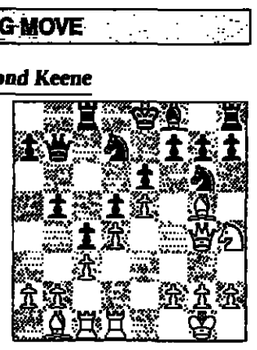
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Dervishi - Cruceli, Berne 1995.
White has placed his pieces in an aggressive posture on the kingside and has now cashed in with a neat combination. Can you see what he played?

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GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket match

European Under-21 Championship
Group six
Rep of Ire v England (Sky, at Dalymount Park, Dublin, 3.0)

Vauxhall Conference
Bath v Halifax (7.45)
Kidderminster v Dag and Red (7.45)
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Guiseley v Emley; Hyde v Gainsborough.
UNIBOND LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION CUP: Semi final: First leg: Great Harwood v Caernarfon
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Wokingham v Carshalton First division: Bognor Regis v Tooting and Mitcham.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Cheltenham, Hednesford v Worcester Southern division: Poole v Salisbury
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Paget v Brierley Hill
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE CUP: Semi final, first leg: Lymington v Portsmouth
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: John O'Hara Cup: Semi final: Selsey v Wick, Hailsham v Peacehaven and Telscombe.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Luton (at Culver Road, Lancing, 7.15); Bristol Rovers v Charlton (at Yate Town FC), Chelsea v Crystal Palace (at Kingsknowan FC, 7.0), Millwall v Arsenal (2.0), Portsmouth v Bristol City (7.0) Second division: Torquay v Exeter
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Aston Villa (7.0), Wolverhampton v Derby (at Telford FC, 7.0), Sunderland v Tranmere (7.0) Second division: Leicester v Huddersfield (7.0), Newcastle v Birmingham City (at Gateshead FC, 7.0); Preston v Hull (7.0), Grimsby v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0)
TESTIMOIAL MATCH: Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur (7.0)
OTHER MATCH: Dorchester v West Ham (7.45).

RUGBY UNION

Club match
Maesteg v Nantyffyllon (7.15).....

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Sunderland v London (7.0)
TENNIS: Vauxhall Premier Trophy: Men: First round: David Lloyd Raynes Park v Royal Berkshire, Nottingham Leisure v David Lloyd Renfrew, SSI Matchpoint Bramhall v Centrecourt Basingstoke, Royal Berkshire Premier v Clearview Brentwood (Nottingham Tennis Centre)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group seven: Bulgaria v Wales (at Plovdiv, 3.0) Group eight: Russia v Scotland (at Torpedo Stadium, Moscow, 3.0).
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Burnley v Port Vale Second division: Cardiff v Bradford, Chester v Hull, Plymouth v Stockport (7.45), Rotherham v Brighton, Wycombe v Peterborough (7.45)
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: Alloa v Montrose, East Stirling v Queen's Park, Ross County v Albion

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Oldham v Castleford (7.30).

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v Uruguay (Sky, at Wembley, 8.0)
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: Ireland v Northern Ireland (at Lansdowne Road, 2.30) Group seven: Bulgaria v Wales (in Sofia, 5.0). Group eight: Russia v Scotland (at Central Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow 5.0).
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Second division: *Bristol Rovers v Birmingham (8.0)* Third division: Wigan v Hereford

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: *Welsh Schools v English Schools (at Llanelli, 7.0).*
CLUB MATCHES: Moseley v RAF (7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Halifax v Wigan (7.30); Hull v Widnes (7.30) Second division: Dewsbury v Huddersfield (8.0)

THURSDAY

BOXING: British lightweight championship: Michael Ayers (Tooting, holder) v Karl Taylor (Birmingham) (Crystal Palace).

FRIDAY

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Blaenau Gwent (7.0), Mountain Ash v Pontypool (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Castleford v Warrington (Sky, 7.30)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v Norwich; Chelsea v Newcastle, Coventry v Queens Park Rangers, Crystal Palace v Manchester City, Everton v Blackburn, Ipswich v Aston Villa, Leicester v Wimbledon, Manchester United v Leeds, Sheffield Wednesday v Nottingham Forest.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Burnley v Millwall, Charlton v Stoke, Derby v Bristol City, Notts County v Barnsley; Port Vale v Grimsby, Reading v Swindon, Southend v Wolverhampton, Sunderland v Sheffield United, Tranmere v Portsmouth; Watford v Oldham, West Bromwich v Middlesbrough. Second division: Birmingham v Rotherham, Bournemouth v Leyton Orient, Bradford v Wrexham, Brentford v York; Brighton v Blackpool, Bristol Rovers v Swansea, Cambridge United v Plymouth, Cardiff v Chester, Crewe v Oxford United; Huddersfield v Peterborough, Hull v Wycombe, Shrewsbury v Stockport. Third division: Doncaster v Bury, Exeter v Chesterfield, Hartlepool v Northampton, Mansfield v Carlisle; Preston v Gillingham; Rochdale v Barnet, Scarborough v Fulham, Scunthorpe v Darlington, Torquay v Hereford, Walsall v Colchester, Wigan v Lincoln.
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Kilmarnock, Celtic v Motherwell, Dundee United v Rangers, Hearts v Falkirk, Partick v Hibernian. First division: Airdrie v Stranraer, Ayr v Raith, Dunfermline v Dundee, St Johnstone v Clydebank; St Mirren v Hamilton Second division: Dumbarton v Brechin, East Fife v Berwick; Meadowbank v Clyde, Queen Of South v Stirling, Stenhousemuir v Greenock Morton Third division: Albion v Forfar, Alloa v Cowdenbeath, East Stirling v Cakey This, Montrose v Arbroath, Ross County v Queen's Park.

RUGBY UNION

PILKINGTON CUP: Semi-finals: Leicester v Wasps, Harlequins v Bath (Sky)
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Cardiff v Dunvant, Llanelli v Bridgend, Neath v Abertillery, Pontypool v Newbridge, Swansea v Pontypridd, Treorchy v Newport

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final: Leeds v Featherstone Rovers (BBC 1, Elland Road, 3.0)

OTHER SPORT

ROWING: University Boat Race (BBC1, Mortlake to Putney, 2.30)
SNOOKER: British Open (Plymouth)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA CUP: Final: Bolton v Liverpool (at Wembley, 5.0)
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Manchester United v Leeds United (2.0), Southampton v Tottenham Hotspur (11.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bradford Northern v Doncaster (3.0) St Helens v Wakefield Trinity (3.0); Sheffield Eagles v Salford (3.15), Wigan v Halifax (Sky, 3.0), Workington Town v Widnes (3.0)

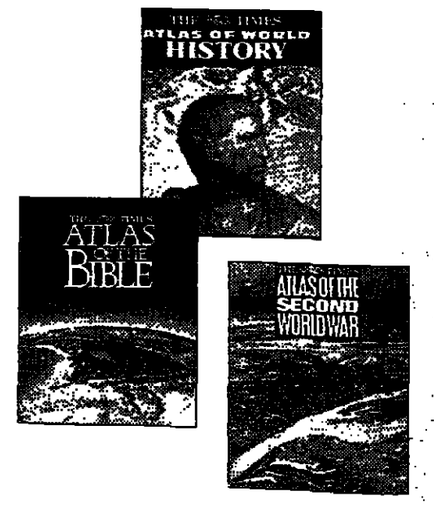
OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Nutrasweet London Marathon.
SNOOKER: British Open (Plymouth).

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Cheltenham Gold Cup winner likely to tackle Grand National

Master Oats bound for Aintree

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

ONLY a series of routine tests stand between Master Oats and his place in the field for the Grand National at Aintree, where the Gold Cup winner has been allocated top weight of 11st 10lb.

Kim Bailey, in upbeat mood at his Upper Lambourn stables yesterday, declared that every other portent pointed towards Master Oats's participation on Saturday week. "He has been geared in the direction of the race since he won at Cheltenham," Bailey said yesterday. "If the results of the tests are favourable he will take his chance in the National."

The necessary samples are to be taken from Master Oats in the next 48 hours. However, Bailey will await a satisfactory outcome before officially committing the horse at the weekend. Any irregularities will come as a surprise; Bailey's prudence has much to do with the huge betting turnover generated by the historic steeplechase.

Ladbrokes have Master Oats as 5-1 favourite in preference to Miinnehoma, last year's winner, available at 6-1. Should he justify favouritism, Master Oats would bridge a 61-year gap since Golden Miller last completed the Gold Cup-Grand National double in 1934. Both Dubacilla, who chased home Master Oats at Cheltenham, and Chatam were supported over the weekend to 10-1 and 33-1 respectively.

Blood samples and tracheal washes are routinely taken from every runner in the Bailey stable. Such analyses rarely contradict the visual evidence, and to Bailey's astute eye, Master Oats has taken his Gold Cup exertions in his stride. Gone are the days when the nine-year-old needed time to recover from his races, although his trainer would welcome a winner to soothe the nerves. His last 16 runners have been beaten.

Bailey appeared unconcerned that drying conditions would scupper the plan. The ground at Aintree is on the easy side, and the weather forecast remains encouraging for the mud-loving Master Oats. "The forecast is for rain this week but in any event good ground wouldn't be a problem," he said. "We would only reassess the situation if the ground firmed up. It's not so important that we get heavy ground as the race is over 4½ miles."

If the distance of the Grand National favours Master Oats, Bailey recognises his chaser will have to jump with greater precision than he did in winning the Gold Cup. Norman Williamson, who rides the horse, attributed his sloppy jumping to the sheer weight of traffic. With a maximum field of 40 expected, connections will watch the opening gambits of the Grand National with their hearts in their mouths.

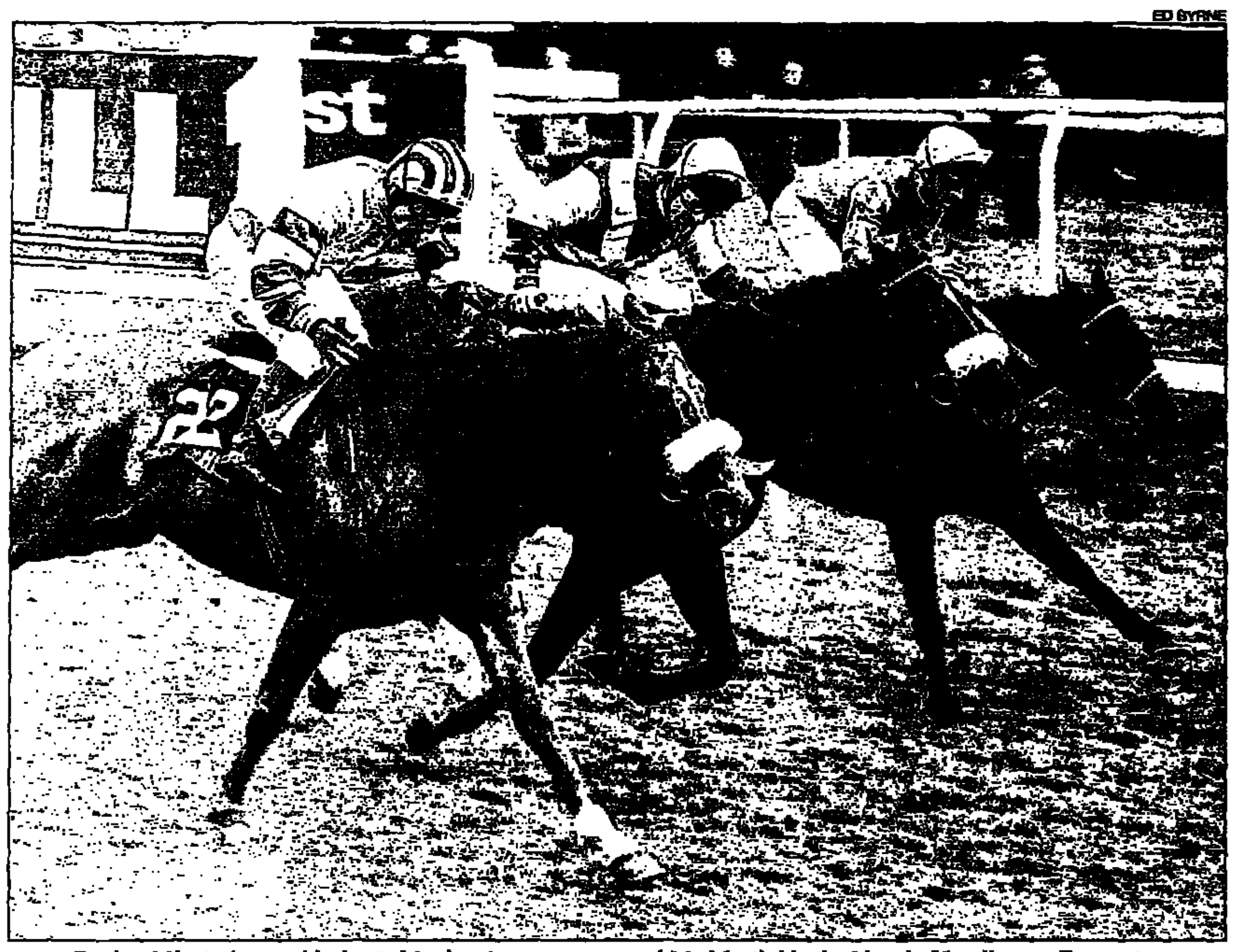
This year's Grand National is particularly competitive. Of the first five home in the Gold Cup, only Merry Gale, who finished fourth, declines a re-match over the big Aintree fences. Dubacilla, Miinnehoma and Young Hustler all enjoy limited weight concessions. More pertinently, their jockeys will be aware that Master Oats came to grief at the thirteenth last year.

Master Oats is one of three intended Grand National runners from the Bailey stable. Both River Tarquin and Romany King should make the cut, with Williamson switching to the latter in the event of Master Oats's unexpected withdrawal. Simple Arithmetic, Betty's Boy and Martomick add substance to Bailey's raid on the three-day meeting.

One horse already forced out of the fixture is Relkeel, withdrawn on the eve of the Champion Hurdle with an injured tendon. David Nicholson, who trains Relkeel, has adopted a cautious approach with his talented five-year-old, who is to be rested until towards the end of the year.

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ED BYRNE



Roving Minstrel, nearside, beats Moving Arrow, centre, and Mr Martini in the Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: NORTHERN NATION (3.40 Nottingham)

Next best: Fixturessecretary (2.40 Nottingham)

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

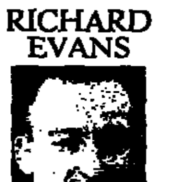
	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
R Hollinshead	17	21	29	2	-51.02
Mrs N Macauley	16	3	14	1	+73.00
P Haslam	13	8	4	25	-5.12
C Brittain	13	11	12	1	+4.22
A Bailey	11	12	4	8	-15.95
W Muir	11	10	12	10	-28.50
D Chapman	10	9	6	10	-7.30
Lord Huntingdon	10	9	7	22	-20.83
C Cyzer	9	0	2	29	+19.80

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
J Weaver	47	43	33	5	-13.63
L Dettori	38	37	25	2	-33.82
T Ives	25	17	19	19	-27.71
R Cochrane	34	21	14	0	-26.57
D Harrison	13	9	13	3	-27.55
B Doyle	12	10	8	1	+27.85
M Fenton	11	5	7	6	-20.65
W Woods	11	10	13	24	-25.11
S Sanders	11	12	21	8	-32.75

Shaikh Mohammed offers a quiet word of warning

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

The occasional flare *burning on top of a* dune was our only signpost in Dubai's desert darkness. After turning off the motorway near Jebel Ali and venturing across the sand towards the middle of nowhere, we were greeted half an hour later by a scene straight from the pages of *The Arabian Nights*.

Outside a richly coloured tent, which would have engulfed all but the largest banqueting hall, a lone camel gazed upon a feast in full swing. An assortment of meats and fishes sizzled above hot coals and the night air was redolent with herbs and spices. On a makeshift stage a belly dancer gyrated to the music of a local band while, by the entrance to the tent, a group of Arabs inhaled the smoke from hookahs containing a fruit-flavoured tobacco. Inside, under the yawning canvas, some of the best known names in world racing sat on the carpeted floor, ate and drank from low level tables and marvelled at the scene.

An unforgettable evening but it could not better the memory of a visit to another ornate tent earlier in the day. "Come closer," Shaikh Mohammed said. With that, a dozen of us sat cross-legged at the feet of the world's most powerful racehorse owner as he chatted and answered questions about his racing empire. This was a very different Shaikh Mohammed from the one whose emotionless face on British racecourses could lead the casual observer to question just how much enjoyment, if any, he gained from watching his thoroughbreds.

A few minutes earlier his eyes had burned with pride as he conducted a tour of the Al Quoz stables, the headquarters of Godolphin racing and the winter home to such high quality horses as Balanchine and Moonshell, favourite for the Madagans 1,000 Guineas. Perhaps it was being on home soil that made the difference, but "the boss", as all his advisers call him, was animated in a way witnessed only once in Europe — when Balanchine won the Irish Derby last summer.

His love of racehorses and the pleasure he gains from being involved with them on a daily basis became abundantly clear and not only explains his decision to set up Godolphin but is the backdrop to the remarks which followed.

Put simply, he likes seeing his horses and taking decisions about where they will run, rather than being subject to what he regards as the whims of various trainers. Hence his decision to bring a maximum of 70 of his 600 horses to Dubai for the winter, and to install Saeed Bin Suroor as the trainer of the 30-strong Godolphin string which will return to Newmarket next month. "With this operation it is easier for me. We are a good team."

As someone who has pumped billions of pounds into the sport, he is doing no more than exercise his rights as an owner after becoming fed up with the attitude of some trainers who appear to regard the horses as their own. Not surprisingly, his actions have not amused the more cosseted trainers on his payroll. "They should stop whingeing," one of the Shaikh's trusted advisers said. With young lions like Mark Johnston and David Loder very much in favour with the Maktoum camp, the blunt advice is backed by an unspoken threat.

Lost treble adds insult to injury for Dare

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

A WEEK after Alison Dare broke a leg, Dick Baimbridge saddled three horses, which she would have ridden, at **Clifton-on-Teme** and they all won. Geoffrey Barfoot-Saunt, Samantha Wallin and Adrian Wintle deputised to share the spoils.

Dare returned home from Horton General Hospital with her leg pinned but not in plaster. She has been told not to ride for six months.

Three riders concerned in The Times Rising Stars final at Newbury on Friday each completed a double. Polly Curling, successful on What A Hand, continued in sparkling form with two winners, Clandon Jack and Still In Business, at the **Weston and Banwell**.

Noel Wilson, third at Newbury on Country Tarrogen, took outside rides at the **Hurworth** as Tim Walford does not like the course. On Risky Dee in the restricted, he held on by a neck after being clear at the last, but had an easier task in a division of the maiden on Kingofnobles. Mike Felton, convinced that Proud Sun would have gone close but for falling four out, was on the mark at the **Wilton** on Tangle Baron and Sure Goer.

After his treble at the Brecon a fortnight ago, Jamie Jukes repeated the feat at the **Vale of Clettwr** with Ittihaad. Andrelot and Bironi obliging. Kevin Anderson also rode three, all maidens, at **Friars Haugh**.

Public relations suffered at the **Vale of the White Horse**, where the cheapest car park was £15. To rub salt into the wound, the 11 bookmakers present never offered any horse at more than 20-1 despite plenty of no-hopers in fields of up to 18 runners.

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THUNDERER

1.50 The Stager
2.20 JUST HARRY (nap)
2.50 Tiheros
3.20 Nordico Princess
3.50 Poly Road
4.20 Shoofk
4.50 Bites

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 JUST HARRY.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 CRIMSON SHOWER (nap). 4.20 Able Choice.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.50 ALDINGTON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,519: 6f 189yd) (8 runners)

101 (5) 005- DOUBLE RUSH 140 (T Murray) T Mills 9-0 ..... J Reid 83
102 (2) 00-5 KETCHICAN 23 (T Keller) S Knight 9-0 ..... J Quinn 64
103 (3) 460034- MOONEE VALLEY 216 (P Savill) R Hannon 9-0 ..... L Dettori [illegible]
104 (1) 0432- SHARP 'N SMART 140 (K Burks) B Smart 9-0 ..... D Harrison 97
105 (6) 0000- SOBELOVED 212 (M Lawrance) M Channon 9-0 ..... R Hughes —
106 (8) 506- THE STAGER 163 (T Long) J Jenkins 9-0 ..... J Weaver 97
107 (7) 4580- TOLENT 250 (Stal Cado NV) H Vandierdussen (Bel) 8-9 ..... Lionel Delacruz 81
108 (4) 000- WESTERN HORIZON 207 (Wyck Hall Stud) C Brittain 8-9 ..... B Doyle 88

BETTING: 6-4 Moonee Valley, 3-1 Sharp 'N Smart, 7-2 Western Horizon, 9-2 The Stager, 10-1 Double Rush, 14-1 Sobeloved, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

MOONEE VALLEY 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Sayl in nursery at Yarmouth (6f, soft) on penultimate start. SHARP 'N SMART 4l 2nd of 17 to Charlie Sillett in maiden auction here (6f, soft) with DOUBLE RUSH 8l 5th. SOBELOVED 14l 10th of 13 to Muchaarak in maiden here (5f, good) on penultimate start. THE STAGER 8¼l 10th of 15 to Smart Alec in maiden at Newmarket (7f, soft) on penultimate start. WESTERN HORIZON 11l 7th of 9 to Iitimes in maiden at Haydock Park (6f, good) on penultimate start.

Selection: SHARP 'N SMART

2.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP
(£3,445: 6f 189yd) (16 runners)

201 (16) 033100- DUCKEY FUZZ 362 (D,G,S) (Mrs W Faleth) R Flower 7-10-0 ..... Mark Denaro (7) 80
202 (13) 22-5342 MR NEVERMIND 11 (CD,F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 5-9-9 ..... L Suthern (7) 85
203 (1) 66033-3 LEGATEE 9 (F) (B Meehan) B Meehan 4-9-7 ..... B Doyle 80
204 (9) 255620 ORTHORHOMBUS 19 (B,F) (A MacGillivray) D Cosgrove 6-9-4 ..... M Rimmer 83
205 (6) 52-1106 JUST HARRY 54 (CD,F,G) (Miss L Shally) M Ryan 4-9-4 ..... M Baird (5) [illegible]
206 (7) 00-5631 GREATEST 11 (D,F,G) (Invechire Ltd) R Akehurst 4-9-4 ..... T Quinn 80
207 (2) 050-400 BOLD MICK 61 (C,S) (M Keep) D Murray Smith 4-9-4 ..... J Weaver 80
208 (3) 05000-0 GREAT HALL 78 (F,G) (Miss M Fraser) P Condell 6-9-2 ..... W Newnes 80
209 (4) 104100- DIA GEORGY 161 (D,F,S) (Mrs D Crowley) R Guest 4-9-1 ..... L Dettori 80
210 (5) 600-000 SHEPHERD MARKET 53 (F) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-13 ..... G Carter 85
211 (15) 0500/50 MARTINOSKY 19 (F,G) (D Clark) G Bravery 9-8-13 ..... M Hills —
212 (14) 32-0034 NEWINGTON BUTTS 25 (D Dawes) K McAuliffe 5-8-6 ..... S Sanders (3) 80
213 (11) 110000- NOEPROB 107 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Bradshaw) R Hodges 5-8-6 ..... S Drowne (5) 80
214 (12) 0300- SILKTAIL 102 (Miss C Sainty) John Berry 3-8-2 ..... S Raymont 80
215 (10) 515200 RAGAZZO 28 (B,D,G) (S Pedersen) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-2 ..... G Duffield 80
216 (8) 160446- MEDIA EXPRESS 163 (G) (Mahmood Al-Shaafi) T Mills 3-8-1 ..... J Quinn 80

BETTING: 4-1 Just Harry, 9-2 Greatest, 6-1 Duckey Fuzz, Mr Nevermind, 8-1 Legatee, Ragazzo, 12-1 Dia Georgy, Newington Butts, Orthorhombus, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

DUCKEY FUZZ, best effort last season, beat Twice The Groom neck in 10-runner handicap at Goodwood (1m, good) in June. LEGATEE 4¼l 3rd of 11 to Abbey House in apprentices' claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). ORTHORHOMBUS 5l 2nd of 9 to Flowing Ocean in handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. JUST HARRY neck 2nd of 16 to Spring Flyer in handicap at Edinburgh (1m, good) on last turf start. GREATEST beat MR NEVERMIND short-head in a 9-runner claimer at Lingfield (AW, 7f). SHEPHERD MARKET 14l 7th of 14 to Wonderful Day in handicap here (1m 1f 110yd, firm) on last turf start.

Selection: JUST HARRY

2.50 SHORNECLIFFE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,519: 6f) (6 runners)

301 (3) 346000- TIHEROS 121 (T Anthony) R Hannon 9-0 ..... T Quinn [illegible]
302 (5) CARE AND COMFORT (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-9 ..... F Norton —
303 (6) 03- CRIMSON SHOWER 180 (Mrs D Russell) J Fanshawe 8-9 ..... D Harrison 92
304 (4) 0- KELLAIRE GIRL 339 (D Purches) G Lewis 8-9 ..... Paul Eddery 79
305 (1) 2433-4 LA SUQUET 37 (BF) (B Buckley) M Channon 8-9 ..... R Hughes 87
306 (2) 00- WOODRISING 149 (Seymour Bloodstock (UK) Ltd) Lady Herries 8-9 ..... G Duffield 80

BETTING: 6-4 Care And Comfort, 7-2 Tiheros, 4-1 Crimson Shower, 5-1 La Suquet, 7-1 Woodrising, 10-1 Kellaire Girl.

FORM FOCUS

TIHEROS 8l 7th of 11 to Robo Magic in nursery at Lingfield (AW, 6f). CARE AND COMFORT by Most Welcome, dam middle-distance handicapper. CRIMSON SHOWER ¾l 3rd of 18 to Sayeh in maiden auction over today's course and distance (good to soft). KELLAIRE GIRL 10l 7th of 10 to Fantasy Racing in maiden auction at Sandown (5f, good to soft). LA SUQUET 5½l 3rd of 19 to Actual Fact in maiden at Haydock (5f, soft) on last turf outing. WOODRISING 10l 10th of 14 to Night Hero in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm).

Selection: CRIMSON SHOWER

3.20 ROCHESTER HANDICAP (£3,188: 5f) (8 runners)

401 (5) 00605-2 ROCKY TWO 47 (V,D,G) (B Bennett) P Howling 4-10-0 ..... W Woods 85
402 (4) 12-1522 NORDICO PRINCESS 11 (CD,G,S) (M Griffiths) G Oldroyd 4-9-12 ..... R Cochrane 97
403 (1) 3003-01 HALLIARD 37 (D,G) (The Best Hill Partnership) T Jones 4-9-7 ..... R Perham 95
404 (3) 526300- LLOC 183 (D,S) (Miss C Sainty) John Berry 3-9-5 ..... C Dwyer [illegible]
405 (8) 404400- HARRY'S COMING 175 (CD,F,G,S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 11-8-12 ..... S Drowne (5) 89
406 (2) 122110- TEXAS COWGIRL 388 (G) H Vanderdussen (Bel) 5-8-11 ..... Lionel Delacruz —
407 (7) 00-0340 RUSTIC LEAGUE 7 (Mrs S Sheldon) T Naughton 4-8-3 ..... S Sanders (3) 84
408 (6) 005-0 MISTER RAIDER 9 (Raiders Partnership) S Mellor 3-8-1 ..... A Daly (7) 83

BETTING: 2-1 Nordico Princess, 5-2 Rocky Two, 7-2 Texas Cowgirl, 5-1 Halliard, 10-1 Lloc, 12-1 Harry's Coming, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ROCKY TWO ¾l 2nd of 8 to Scored Again in Wolverhampton handicap (AW,5F). NORDICO PRINCESS shd 2nd of 9 to Dolly Face in Lingfield handicap (AW,5F). HALLIARD beat Avant Huit 1¼l in Lingfield maiden (AW,5F). LLOC best effort 1l 3rd of 10 to Our Darling Boy in Brighton seller (5f 110yd, good). HARRY'S COMING best effort 5¾l 4th of 14 to Courting Newmarket in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Salisbury (6f, firm). TEXAS COWGIRL beat Flower Music a nose in handicap at Sterrebeek (6f good) on penultimate start.

Selection: HARRY'S COMING

3.50 KINGSNORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,216: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

501 (3) 021 INCHKEITH 40 (G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-7 ..... D Gibbs (7) 90
502 (4) 000- MAYSANN 189 (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 9-6 ..... T Quinn —
503 (1) 050-0 DON'T MEAN A THING 74 (B Lalemant) R Hannon 8-11 ..... R Hughes 91
504 (2) 0550-0 OKAY BABY 60 (M Keogh) M Tompkins 8-10 ..... P Robinson —
505 (11) 362110 POLY ROAD 2 (D,G) (Sheet & Roll Convertors Ltd) M Channon 8-5 ..... P P Murphy (5) [illegible]
506 (8) 546 ROCKY FORUM 25 (The Forum Ltd) G L Moore 8-5 ..... R Perham 82
507 (7) 600-625 AL CORNICHE 23 (F) (D Bass) K Cunningham-Brown 8-0 ..... S Sanders (3) 93
508 (10) 050640- TOMMYKNOCKER 184 (T Long) J Jenkins 7-9 ..... J Quinn 98
509 (9) 000- IRON N GOLD 152 (A Family Affair Partnership) S Dow 7-9 ..... F Norton 94
510 (5) 206500- STONEHAM GIRL 140 (Mrs L Mornington) P Butler 7-9 ..... M Baird (5) 85
511 (6) 000- MIM-LOU-AND 210 (R Grant) B Millman 7-9 ..... A Mackay 85

BETTING: 9-4 Maysann, 11-4 Inchkeith, 6-1 Poly Road, 7-1 Rocky Forum, 8-1 Al Corniche, 10-1 Don't Mean A Thing, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

INCHKEITH beat Callonescy 4l in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 110yd). MAYSANN 17l 14th of 17 to Kalabo in Newmarket maiden (7f, good to firm) on debut. POLY ROAD beat Kirov Protege 3l in Wolverhampton claimer (AW, 1m 1f 110yd). ROCKY FORUM 6½l 6th of 10 to Vin St Koola in Lingfield maiden (AW, 1m 2f). AL CORNICHE 6¼l 5th of 9 to Shaft Of Light in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). TOMMYKNOCKER 6¾l 4th of 17 to Battleship Bruce in nursery at Nottingham (1m 2f, soft) on penultimate start.

Selection: TOMMYKNOCKER (nap)

4.20 ALKHAM HANDICAP (£3,388: 1m 1f 149yd) (15 runners)

601 (15) 004000- AL MOULOUKI 14J (F,S) (G Jabre) J Payne 5-10-0 ..... B Thomson 85
602 (11) 050000- AMBER VALLEY 51J (S) (Berkshire Components) D Williams 4-9-9 ..... D Griffiths (5) 94
603 (8) 00-5514 CANARY FALCON 30 (G) (Mrs N Aqil) R O'Sullivan 4-9-8 ..... W Woods 82
604 (2) 421036- LUCKY TUCKY 231 (G) (L Tuckwell Ltd) J Jenkins 4-9-6 ..... Paul Eddery 84
605 (14) 200060- SHOOFK 11J (S) (S Dewne) S Dow 4-9-4 ..... T Quinn 87
606 (9) 000000- PINK BRIEF 102 (G) (Mrs W Sainer) M Ryan 4-8-3 ..... R Cochrane 98
607 (1) 6000-02 ABLE CHOICE 11 (G) (Dr Camel Li) R Armstrong 5-9-2 ..... L Dettori [illegible]
608 (12) 040- DESIDERATA 240 (A Collins) B Hills 4-9-1 ..... M Hills 86
609 (5) 00030-4 JEMIMA PUDDLEDUCK 42 (CD,G,S) (Mrs B Lea) D Arbuthnot 4-9-0 ..... J Weaver 86
610 (3) 62242-1 QUEENS STROLLER 23 (D,G) (R Berenson) C Elsey 4-8-13 ..... D Harrison 94
611 (4) 005-050 SACRED MIRROR 23 (C Britain) C Brittain 4-8-13 ..... M Rimmer 91
612 (7) 000508- GRAND SALT 14J (T Daniels) M Haynes 4-8-10 ..... J Reid 98
613 (6) 003420- MORSTOCK 18J (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 5-8-7 ..... S Drowne (5) 88
614 (10) 60000/ CHEVELEY DANCER 4J (D) (G Jackman) D Wilson 7-8-4 ..... N Gwilliams —
615 (13) 601-050 KRAYYAN DAWN 32 (G) (R Greatorex) R Akehurst 5-8-3 ..... G Carter 89

BETTING: 4-1 Queens Stroller, 5-1 Able Choice, 6-1 Desiderata, 7-1 Shoofk, 10-1 Amber Valley, Canary Falcon, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CANARY FALCON beat At The Savoy 3l in maiden handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. LUCKY TUCKY 3l 3rd of 9 to Proud Brigadier in conditions race at Leicester (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. ABLE CHOICE 1¾l 2nd of 14 to Prince Danzig in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f). DESIDERATA 7½l 4th of 8 to Asian Jane in maiden at Brighton (7f, firm) on penultimate start. QUEENS STROLLER beat Aitch N'Bee a neck in amateur riders' handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 110yd). MORSTOCK neck 2nd of 15 to Sight'n Sound in maiden at Bath (1m 5f, good) on penultimate start.

Selection: ABLE CHOICE

4.50 HEADCORN MAIDEN AUCTION FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,771: 5f) (7 runners)

1 (6) SHANDORA (Windsor Associates) B Palling 8-3 ..... T Sprake —
2 (3) LINCON TWENTY ONE (D Butler) M Haynes 8-1 ..... J Quinn —
3 (2) MAGGI FOR MARGARET (M Foy) M Channon 8-1 ..... C Rutter —
4 (7) DANCING LOTTIE (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-0 ..... F Norton —
5 (1) BITES (Roldvale Ltd) G Lewis 7-12 ..... G Carter —
6 (4) DEAKEN DANCER (D Ivory) K Ivory 7-12 ..... G Bardwell —
7 (5) RED SKY DELIGHT (A Wood) P Butler 7-12 ..... M Baird (5) —

BETTING: 7-4 Maggi For Margaret, 3-1 Shandora, 4-1 Bites, 5-1 Lincon Twenty One, 6-1 Dancing Lottie, 10-1 Deaken Dancer, 12-1 Red Sky Delight.

FORM FOCUS

SHANDORA (foaled Apr, cost 5,500gns). Half-sister by Don't Forget Me to several winners, including 5f juvenile scorer Endearing: dam unraced half-sister to smart miler Shasavaan. LINCON TWENTY ONE (May 17; 3,100gns). Half-sister by Sharpo to Valiant Miss, 7f winner in France at two years; dam, half-sister to useful sprinter Polykratis, 6f winner at three years. MAGGI FOR MARGARET (May 22; 3,500gns). Half-sister by Shavian to four winners including Corcina, 7f-1m 2f winner at two and three years; dam French 1m 4f winner at four years. DANCING LOTTIE (Mar 20; 2,800gns). Half-sister by Dancing Dissident to four winners including Wollowteen, 7f winner at three years; dam best at middle-distances. BITES (Apr 30; 1,000gns). Sister by Risk Me to Nordman Lass, placed over 6f as a juvenile last season; dam poor maiden. DEAKEN DANCER (May 4; 550gns). Second foal, by Rambo Dancer; dam unraced. RED SKY DELIGHT (Apr 11; 450gns). First foal, by Skyliner; dam dual 6f winner in modest company at two years.

No selection

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%
D Arbuthnot	7	23	30.4
J Dunlop	9	38	23.7
B Millman	3	16	18.8
R Akehurst	16	86	18.6
R Hannon	19	112	17.0
T Mills	3	19	15.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Hills	7	32	21.9
R Hughes	3	14	21.4
R Cochrane	16	86	18.6
G Duffield	15	89	16.9
S Drowne	3	18	16.7
J Weaver	3	20	15.0

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.10 Miami Bear. 2.40 Seachange. 3.10 Sparrow Hall. 3.40 Weather Alert. 4.10 Howgill. 4.40 Twice A Night. 5.10 Whip Hand.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Banana Cove.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 NUTHALL SELLING HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,612: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1 -PP3 RECTORY BOY 20 (D,F,S) B Llewellyn 12-11-13 ..... Mr J L Llewellyn (5) 80
2 0104 CHEEKY FOX 25 (B,G,S) J White 9-11-5 ..... D Bridgwater 85
3 -606 TURPIN'S GREEN 115 (G) J King 12-11-4 ..... N Williamson —
4 48U1 HEATHVIEW 17 (F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-2 ..... A Maguire 97
5 -433 MIAMI BEAR 13 (D,G) R Fahey 9-11-2 ..... R Marley [illegible]
6 443P DI MODA 12 (V) J Besley 8-10-7 ..... M Bosley 92
7 -PPP CAMAN 28 (B) B Rothwell 8-10-7 ..... J Supple (5) —
8 -031 NOMADIC FIRE 13 (S) J Mullins 5-10-3 ..... R Davis 93
9 0463 HOLD YOUR HAT ON 56F (G) C Thornton 6-10-1 ..... D Wilkinson 98
10 U6P5 RIP THE CALICO 109 (F) K Wingrove 7-10-0 ..... J Ryan —
11 5P32 KETFORD BRIDGE 9 R Dickin 8-10-0 ..... D Meredith (3) 93
12 FPP STONE-FALCON 26 (B) C James 9-10-0 ..... P Holley —

5-2 Heathview, 4-1 Cheeky Fox, 9-2 Miami Bear, 6-1 Nomadic Fire, 7-1 Hold Your Hat On, 8-1 Turpin's Green, 16-1 others.

2.40 TROWELL NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,579: 2m 4f) (13)

1 1P32 FIXTURESSECRETARY 23 (S) D Nicholson 6-11-9 ..... A Maguire 93
2 0R12 SEACHANGE 9 (S) M Wilkinson 6-11-9 ..... J F Titley 93
3 006 BLAKENEY LAD 23 B McMahon 5-11-3 ..... M A Fitzgerald 56
4 305 GORBY'S MYTH 91 J Leigh 5-11-3 ..... N Williamson 78
5 45F- JUNGLE RITES 341 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-3 ..... W Dwan 79
6 /3P KIFUE FLATS 46 G Sherwood 8-11-3 ..... J A McCarthy —
7 5-60 MR BUSKER 123 S Sherwood 6-11-3 ..... D Bridgwater —
8 00 SEIZE THE DAY 25 C Broad 7-11-3 ..... W Marston 71
9 6043 THE SHY PADRE 23 R Lee 6-11-3 ..... R Greene 82
10 05P WARRIOR BARD 31 Miss H Knight 5-11-3 ..... R Farrant 85
11 0 WOT NO GIN 88 A J Wilson 6-11-3 ..... V Slattery —
12 0030 STRAY HARMONY 25 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 ..... C Llewellyn —
13 35 BANANA COVE 47 Mrs J Cecil 4-10-8 ..... T Kent [illegible]

5-2 Seachange, 4-1 Fixturessecretary, 6-1 Banana Cove, 8-1 Mr Busker, 10-1 The Shy Padre, Kifue Flats, Stray Harmony, 14-1 others.

3.10 GILTBROOK NOVICES CHASE
(£2,872: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 -RU2 CELTIC TOWN 30 (S) O Sherwood 7-11-4 ..... J A McCarthy 95
2 4220 SPARROW HALL 27 (B,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-4 ..... A Maguire [illegible]
3 P50F WISE APPROACH 6 (F) K Bailey 8-11-4 ..... N Williamson —
4 -4PP FRIENDLY LADY 12 (F,G,S) J Cann 11-11-3 ..... Miss P Curling 76
5 3454 APRIL CITY 12 (S) C Smith 6-10-13 ..... M Ranger 66

4-7 Celtic Town, 4-1 Sparrow Hall, 5-1 Wise Approach, 12-1 April City, 14-1 Friendly Lady.

3.40 REDHILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,344: 2m) (7)

1 4111 MARINER'S AIR 18 (D,S) J Spearing 8-11-12 ..... N Williamson 95
2 1500 VASILIEV 11 (B,D,F,S) S Gollings 7-11-10 ..... A Maguire [illegible]
3 510/ STEVEADON 1112 (D,G) O O'Neill 9-11-10 ..... V Slattery —
4 5202 NORTHERN NATION 17 (CD,G) W Clay 7-10-5 ..... Diane Clay 90
5 3525 WEATHER ALERT 109 (V,BF,G) K Morgan 4-10-3 ..... A S Smith 87
6 10-5 INNOCENT GEORGE 26 (G) Miss L Siddall 6-10-0 ..... D Bridgwater 80
7 50/P CHAMPAGNE GOLD 26 (CD,G,S) J McConnochie 8-10-0 ..... R Bellamy —

6-4 Mariner's Air, 7-2 Vasiliev, 5-1 Northern Nation, 6-1 Weather Alert, 10-1 Steveadon, Innocent George, 25-1 Champagne Gold.

4.10 DAYBROOK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,709: 2m) (7)

1 1U4/ TWO STEP RHYTHM 864 (G) J McConnochie 11-11-11 ..... S McNeill —
2 -4P4 ISSYIN 49 (B,S) M W Easterby 8-11-7 ..... R Garritty 97
3 354P JIMMY THE GILLIE 13 (B,F,G,S) S Christian 9-11-2 ..... G Upton 93
4 3-2P MENAGHI 109 (D,G) J Mackie 8-11-0 ..... D Webb (7) 84
5 2522 HOWGILL 16 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 9-10-11 ..... S Wynne (3) 95
6 3U43 WICKFIELD LAD 91 (D,F,S) N Babbage 12-10-11 ..... D Bridgwater [illegible]
7 -65P DAWN CHANCE 26 R Hodges 9-10-0 ..... I Lawrence 98

5-2 Jimmy The Gillie, 3-1 Howgill, 7-2 Menaghi, 4-1 Issyin, 8-1 Wickfield Lad, 16-1 Two Step Rhythm, 25-1 Dawn Chance.

4.40 LADY BAY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(Div I: £1,287: 2m) (16)

1 55 CLAVERHOUSE 128 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-4 ..... C Llewellyn —
2 4 MACGEORGE 23 R Lee 5-11-4 ..... A Maguire —
3 RED RORY O Brennan 6-11-4 ..... S O'Donnell (7) —
4 SILLY TINKER J Hetherton 5-11-4 ..... N Williamson —
5 5 UNCLE BERT 34 Mrs M McCourt 5-11-4 ..... G McCourt —
6 LOTHIAN JEM J Wharton 6-10-13 ..... B Dalton —
7 0 PENNY JANE 47 G Guna 6-10-13 ..... S Keightley —
8 02 TWICE A NIGHT 17 D Nicholson 6-10-13 ..... R Massey (5) —
9 AGISTMENT Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-10 ..... W Dwan —
10 DANCING RANGER Miss S Wilton 4-10-10 ..... M Wilmington (7) —
11 00 EL RUBIO 12 (B) J Spearing 4-10-10 ..... Miss T Spearing (7) —
12 GOVERNOR DANIEL J O'Shea 4-10-10 ..... M A Fitzgerald —
13 MANUAL T Caldwell 4-10-10 ..... Pat Caldwell —
14 3 PUREVALUE 9 (B) M W Easterby 4-10-10 ..... R Garritty —
15 0 GILDORANS LASS 34 J Upson 4-10-5 ..... J Supple (5) —
16 0 MISS CASHTAL 34 Miss D Baker 4-10-5 ..... Miss S Wallin —

3-1 Purevalue, 4-1 Twice A Night, 5-1 Macgeorge, 6-1 Uncle Bert, 8-1 Agistment, 12-1 Red Rory, Claverhouse, 14-1 others.

5.10 LADY BAY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(Div II: £1,277: 2m) (15)

1 0 BRADLOR PENNY 23 J Norton 5-11-4 ..... W Fry (5) —
2 5 CHAPILLIERE 23 T Thomson Jones 5-11-4 ..... M A Fitzgerald —
3 IAN'S BID C Broad 5-11-4 ..... W Marston —
4 00 JENARK PHAUL 12 J Mackie 5-11-4 ..... D Webb (7) —
5 MASTER JACK M Wilkinson 5-11-4 ..... P Ward (7) —
6 0 PERIROYAL 21 W Clay 5-11-4 ..... Diane Clay —
7 0 PHILEAS FOGG 9 J Hellens 6-11-4 ..... A Lamach (3) —
8 THE NAUGHTY VICAR S Mellor 5-11-4 ..... M Perrett —
9 BLOWN A FUSE J Upson 4-10-10 ..... C Davies (7) —
10 JOSHUA'S VISION T Etherington 4-10-10 ..... R Rourke (7) —
11 KINGDOM LAD R Tate 4-10-10 ..... Mrs F Needham —
12 MR LOVELACE C Smith 4-10-10 ..... M Ranger —
13 UPHAM RASCAL D Gandolfo 4-10-10 ..... D Leahy (3) —
14 WHIP HAND Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-10 ..... A Maguire —
15 SCOTS BONNIE BELLE I Campbell 4-10-5 ..... T Kent —

5-2 Chapilliere, 6-1 Whip Hand, 8-1 The Naughty Vicar, Ian's Bid, Upham Rascal, 10-1 Bradlor Penny, 12-1 Master Jack, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Gandolfo, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; O Sherwood, 6 from 25, 24.0%; M W Easterby, 3 from 13, 23.1%; D Nicholson, 10 from 53, 18.9%; K Bailey, 5 from 27, 18.5%; O Brennan, 9 from 56, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: R Farrant, 4 winners from 18 rides, 22.2%; G McCourt, 11 from 58, 19.0%; A Maguire, 10 from 53, 18.9%; Diane Clay, 3 from 22, 13.6%; C Llewellyn, 3 from 24, 12.5%; G Upton, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Folkestone: 3.20 Rocky Two. Hexham: 5.00 Great Easeby. Nottingham: 3.40 Weather Alert. 4.10 Jimmy The Gillie. 4.40 El Rubio, Purevalue.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER

2.00 Brilliant Disguise. 2.30 Devilry. 3.00 Last Refuge. 3.30 Corston Racer. 4.00 Green Trix. 4.30 Forbidden Time. 5.00 Village Reindeer.

GOING: HEAVY (7AM INSPECTION) SIS

2.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,358: 2m 4f 110yd) (13 runners)

1 521 FLAT TOP 11 (C,S) M W Easterby 4-11-10 ..... J Driscoll (7)
2 63F1 STORMY CORAL 16 (S) C Parker 5-11-8 ..... Mr D Parker (5)
3 2003 JACK DREAMING 27 Mrs S Smith 6-11-4 ..... Richard Guest
4 0550 SOUNDS FYNE 51 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-4 ..... M Dwyer
5 4010 HAGAR 6 (S) J Charlton 6-11-2 ..... P Niven
6 220- RYTHMIC RYMER 332 J Jefferson 5-10-6 ..... J Callaghan
7 0400 GREET THE GREEK 79 Mrs S Bramall 6-10-4 ..... J Burke
8 35P2 BRILLIANT DISGUISE 13 P Monteith 6-10-2 ..... G Cahill (7)
9 0P00 BOETHIUS 7 F Walton 6-10-0 ..... K Johnson
10 PU66 BUCKWHEAT LAD 11 P Cheesbrough 7-10-0 ..... R Supple
11 0PP DEBLYN 75 D Robinson 4-10-0 ..... M Robinson
12 0P50 MARKED CARD 9 Mrs M Kendall 7-10-0 ..... Mrs M Kendall
13 0080 BLUEBELL TRACK 11 (B) V Thompson 9-10-0 ..... B Harding (5)

5-2 Stormy Coral, 7-2 Flat Top, 6-1 Brilliant Disguise, 7-1 Hagar, 8-1 Rythmic Rymer, 10-1 Jack Dreaming, Sounds Fyne, 20-1 others.

2.30 LOWGATE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,344: 2m) (11)

1 111- REGAL ROMPER 357 (CD,G) Mrs S Smith 7-12-0 ..... R Wilkinson (5)
2 F42P IT'S THE PITS 70 (C,D,G,S) L Lungo 8-11-3 ..... F Perratt
3 240- ALJADEER 146F M W Easterby 6-11-2 ..... J Driscoll (3)
4 2604 DEVILRY 17 (D,S) G Moore 5-10-13 ..... N Stocks (5)
5 1200 COVER POINT 21 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-6 ..... E Callaghan (3)
6 1316 SUPERHOO 21 (D,S) R Craggs 4-10-1 ..... G Lee
7 4/P0 AL FROLIC 9 (CD,F,S) W Kemp 8-10-0 ..... D J Moffatt
8 5004 SCARBA 7 (CD,S) D Garraton 7-10-0 ..... E Husband
9 F0FP HERE COMES TIBBY 11 (CD,S) W Reed 8-10-0 ..... B Harding
10 0-03 DERWENT LAD 17 M Barnes 6-10-0 ..... G Cahill (5)
11 0-P0 ABSOLUTELYMUSTARD 30 J Jefferson 6-10-0 ..... M Newton (5)

5-2 Devilry, 9-2 It's The Pits, 11-2 Regal Romper, 6-1 Superhoo, 7-1 Aljadeer, 8-1 Cover Point, 12-1 others.

3.00 SHIRE NOVICES CHASE
(£3,028: 2m 110yd) (11)

1 -314 GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN 100 (D,BF,G,S) G Holmes 7-11-10 ..... M Dwyer
2 3U16 HEDLEY MILL 9 (F,G) J Hope 7-11-5 ..... B Harding (5)
3 55F1 SUPER SANDY 11 (CD,S) F Walton 8-11-5 ..... K Johnson
4 3-0P ANOTHER MEADOW 48 J Dixon 7-11-3 ..... L O'Hara
5 120- ANOTHER NICK 423 (F) J Hubbuck 9-11-3 ..... T Reed
6 0642 LAST REFUGE 13 T Carr 6-11-3 ..... Richard Guest
7 2260 PORT IN A STORM 60 (S) M Hammond 6-11-3 ..... Mr C Bonner (5)
8 46U0 EASTER OATS 52 (S) R Goldie 8-10-12 ..... R Supple
9 2-2U HOWCLEUCH 124 J Oliver 8-10-12 ..... M Moloney
10 0PP- ORIEL DREAM 417 (G,S) R Fisher 8-10-12 ..... P Niven
11 P-FF SPECTRE BROWN 9 F Jestin 5-10-9 ..... N Leach

3-1 Last Refuge, 7-2 Gymcrak Sovereign, 4-1 Super Sandy, 7-1 Howcleuch, 8-1 Port In A Storm, Hedley Mill, 12-1 Another Nick, 16-1 others.

3.30 LOUGHBROW NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,383: 2m) (12)

1 3221 CORSTON RACER 17 (D,S) Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-8 ..... K Johnson
2 513 MERRY MERMAID 27 (D,S) J Bottomley 5-11-3 ..... D Byrne
3 P BUNBY BOURKE 12 H Alexander 7-11-2 ..... P Waggott
4 0 SHIP THE BUILDER 37 R Fahey 6-11-2 ..... P Niven
5 0PP/ SIGN PERFORMER 1400 T Kersey 8-11-2 ..... Susan Kersey
6 00-0 TALL FELLOW 12 S Clark 5-11-2 ..... Miss R Clark (7)
7 WALI 248F V Thompson 5-11-2 ..... Mr M Thompson
8 FP54 BLACK MAGIC WOMAN 11 J Hellens 7-10-11 ..... T Reed
9 PP CITY LIGHTER 7 J Gledson 5-10-11 ..... N Bentley
10 00 MOLLY MINSTREL 48 J Johnson 6-10-11 ..... N Doughty
11 P BURRINGHAM BOY 28 B Rothwell 4-10-8 ..... R Supple
12 00 KING OF THE HORSE 9 W Storey 4-10-8 ..... M Moloney

7-4 Merry Mermaid, 9-4 Corston Racer, 6-1 Black Magic Woman, 8-1 Wali, 10-1 King Of The Horse, 20-1 Ship The Builder, 25-1 others.

4.00 ANICK AMATEUR RIDERS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,832: 3m 1f) (8)

1 21/6 BUCK OWENS 28 (F) J Johnson 10-12-0 ..... C Bonner (5)
2 23-2 MILITARY SECRET 180 (CD,F,G) Mrs E Moscrop 9-11-11 ..... S Swiers
3 00PP DEADLINE 48 (B,G,S) S Chadwick 12-11-4 ..... Miss J Thurlow (5)
4 6252 MAJIC RAIN 6 (C,G) D Eddy 10-11-1 ..... M Rimell (5)
5 4046 TRUELY ROYAL 11 (B,D,G,S) J Charlton 11-10-10 ..... C Storey (7)
6 P404 UPWELL 13 (F) R Johnson 11-10-7 ..... P Johnson (5)
7 0661 GREEN TRIX 11 (C,S) C Parker 7-10-3 ..... D Parker (5)
8 -064 ABBENOIR 11 (D,G,S) Mrs Kendall 13-10-2 ..... Mrs M Kendall (7)

2-1 Military Secret, 5-2 Majic Rain, 4-1 Green Trix, 8-1 Buck Owens, 10-1 others.

4.30 WARDEN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,540: 2m) (15)

1 2213 FORBIDDEN TIME 31 (D,S) L Lungo 7-11-12 ..... T Reed
2 2324 REBEL KING 37 (G) M Barnes 5-11-5 ..... G Cahill (7)
3 05 ABBEY LAMP 53 J Johnson 6-10-12 ..... S Taylor (7)
4 000 BLUE IS THE COLOUR 11 C Parker 6-10-12 ..... Mr D Parker (5)
5 04 BREEZY SEA 16 P Monteith 5-10-12 ..... B Harding (5)
6 000P KITTOCHSIDE LAD 49 Mrs S Austin 5-10-12 ..... Richard Guest
7 0 MINI CRUISE 26 J Johnson 5-10-12 ..... N Doughty
8 -045 NATIVE MONY 28 M Hammond 6-10-12 ..... D Bentley
9 6-P0 SEAHAWK RETRIEVER 30 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-12 ..... M Dwyer
10 U0 SUNDAY'S MAN 16 B Rothwell 5-10-12 ..... R Supple
11 00-P WHATDIDYOUSAY 6 B Bousfield 7-10-12 ..... P Niven
12 4R-P JOYFUL SMITH 17 J Dixon 6-10-7 ..... Mr R Hale
13 00 OLD BETSY 17 Mrs S Smith 5-10-7 ..... Mr P Murray (7)
14 00 RASIN LUCK 86 R Craggs 5-10-7 ..... G Lee (5)
15 5-56 RUN PET RUN 13 (G,S) D Nolan 10-10-7 ..... M Moloney

2-1 Forbidden Time, 5-2 Rebel King, 7-1 Native Mony, 10-1 Run Pet Run, 12-1 Blue Is The Colour, 14-1 Abbey Lamp, 16-1 Rasin Luck, 25-1 others.

5.00 ASHINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,783: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 -F06 ASLAN 10 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-12-0 ..... M Dwyer
2 2534 BONANZA 53 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-8 ..... R Hodge
3 23PP HUDSON BAY TRADER 27 (D,G,S) Mrs S Austin 8-11-8 ..... Richard Guest
4 -134 VILLAGE REINDEER 32 (CD,F,S) P Calver 8-11-5 ..... P Niven
5 1340 SANSOOL 13 (B,C,D,S) A Whillans 9-11-1 ..... M Moloney
6 0132 GREAT EASEBY 9 (V,CD,S) W Storey 5-10-13 ..... K Johnson
7 212F NORTHERN SQUIRE 58 (D,G,S) J Jefferson 7-10-8 ..... J Callaghan
8 1/3- CASUAL PASS 581 (B,CD,F,G,S) L Lungo 12-10-5 ..... T Reed
9 -PB5 SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 12 (F,G) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 ..... Miss V Haigh (7)
10 06P6 MARDOOD 12 (B,S) S Clark 10-10-0 ..... Miss R Clark (7)

5-2 Great Easeby, 7-2 Bonanza, 5-1 Sansool, 6-1 Village Reindeer, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Whillans, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; P Monteith, 15 from 47, 31.9%; T Carr, 3 from 11, 27.3%; L Lungo, 12 from 45, 26.7%; Mrs M Reveley, 18 from 70, 25.7%; W Reed, 10 from 56, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: N Leach, 4 winners 13 rides, 30.8%; N Bentley, 15 from 49, 30.6%; P Niven, 25 from 106, 23.6%; M Dwyer, 12 from 56, 21.4%; J Burke, 4 from 19, 21.1%; T Reed, 23 from 114, 20.2%.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

DURHAM: World cross country championships: Men: Senior (12,020m): 1, P Tergat (Ken) 34.05; 2, I Kirui (Ken) 34:13; 3, S Hissou (Mor) 34.14; 4, H Gebrsilassie (Eth) 34:26; 5, B Lahlafi (Mor) 34.34. 20 A Pearson (GB) 35 07; 44, D Burke (Ire) 35.50; 56, K Cullen (GB) 36:00; 59, M Jones (GB) 36 02. Teams: 1, Kenya 82pts; 2, Morocco 111; 3, Spain 120; 9, GB 354. 11, Ireland 573. Junior (8470m): 1, A Mezgebu (Eth) 24:12; 2, D Udetu (Eth) 24:14; 3, D Chelule (Ken) 24:16; 4, A Panga (Tanz) 24 19; 5, P Mosima (Ken) 24.23; 6, A Tsige (Eth) 24 40. 67, A Grafin (GB) 26:46; 76, T Forrest (GB) 26.54; 85, M O'Dowd (GB) 27 04. Teams: 1, Kenya 23; 2, Ethiopia 25; 3, Morocco 72; 15. GB 320.

Women: Senior (6,470m): 1, D Tulu (Eth) 20:21; 2, C McKiernan (Ire) 20.29; 3, S Barsosio (Ken) 20 39; 4, M Ngotho (Ken) 20.40; 5, G Wami (Eth) 20 49. 18, P Radcliffe (GB) 21:14, 24, B Hartigan (GB) 21:21, 44, A Wyeth (GB) 21.38. Teams: 1, Kenya 26; 2, Ethiopia 38. 3, Romania 84, 9. GB 164; 13, Ireland 252. Junior (4470m): 1, A Sandell (Fin) 14min 04sec; 2, J Kellany (Kenya) 14:09; 3, N Kipron (Ken) 14:17; 4, J Alyebei (Ken) 14:21; 5, A Weyemann (Switz) 14.25; 20, A Braham (GB) 14 56; 27, N Slater (GB) 15:06; 30, B Gray (GB) 15 15. Teams: 1, Kenya 18. 2. Ethiopia 31; 3, Japan 56; 6, GB 133.

BADMINTON

PARIS: French Open: Men: Semi-finals: G Rimarohdi (India) bt D Gunawi (India) 15-11, 15-7, T Johansson (Swe) bt T Sogaard (Den) 10-15, 15-10, 15-1. Final: Rimarohdi bt Johansson 10-15, 15-9, 15-11. Women: Semi-finals: E Rybkina (Russ) bt M Hoogland (Holl) 11-5, 11-1; M Yakusheva (Russ) bt Oliva (India) 11-0, 11-6. Final: E Rybkina (Russ) bt M Yakusheva (Russ) 11-4, 11-1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago 99 Atlanta 98; Charlotte 105 Cleveland 97; Detroit 104 Boston 103. New Jersey 96 Miami 95; Indiana 84 Philadelphia 75, Dallas 117 Utah 110, San Antonio 113 Milwaukee 105; New York 94 LA Clippers 86.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby 83 (Belka 32, Gonda 16, Gardiner 14) Doncaster 93 (Joseph 19, Modzelewski/Jones 16); Doncaster 90 Birmingham 106; Leopards 82 Leicester 78 (OT); Manchester 96 (Johnson 39, Grainger 14, Gordon/St.Kitts 12) Sheffield 82 (Huggins 27, McKie 15, Finch 10); Sunderland 88 (Saunders 37, Douglas 19, Hopper 12) Birmingham 119 (Lloyd 50, Dorsey 26, Simms 15); Thames Valley 104 (Scantlebury 31, Bucknall 23, Holley 12) Chester 97 (Gardner 27, Johnson/Crowe 21); Worthing 112 (Cunningham 40, Hamed 35, Irish 18) Hemel 104 (Howard 28, Koochol 25, Keenan/Noel 18).

BILLIARDS

DARLEY DALE: English Championships: Semi-finals: D Causier (Middlesboro) bt T Ward (York) 2075-876; C Shutt (Stockton) bt M Goodwil (Linton-on-Ouse) 1381-1254

BOWLS

CHURCH GRESLEY: All-England mixed fours Championship: Quarter-finals: Cumbria bt Desborough 20-10; Stevenage bt Plymouth 15-12; Victory bt Roundwood 19-15, Perdiswell bt Barwell 15-13.

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Surrey 150 Hampshire 157

EGHAM TROPHY: Semi-finals: Essex Co 77 Blackpool B 68, Plymouth CS 81 Cambridge Pk 78. Final: Essex Co 108 Plymouth CS 59.

BOXING

CHESTER: British super-bantamweight championship: Richie Wenton (Liverpool) bt Paul Lloyd (Ellesmere Port) rsf 5th. Light-middleweight: Carl Smith (Manchester) bt John Stocks (Liverpool) pts. Super-feather: Peter Judson (Keighley) bt Sugar Gibiliru (Liverpool) pts; Gary Thornhill (Liverpool) bt Craig Kelley (Llanelli) pts. Super-bantam: John Sillo (Liverpool) bt Gary Burrell (Glasgow) pts; Michael Aldis (Crawley) bt Chip O'Neill (Sunderland) rsf 2nd. Welter: Tony Mock (Liverpool) bt Floyd Churchill (Liverpool) pts.

CRICKET

First one-day international
New Zealand v Sri Lanka

CHRISTCHURCH: *New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by 33 runs*

NEW ZEALAND

M J Greatbatch b Pushpakumara	17
B A Young run out	3
*K R Rutherford c Gurusinha b Murali'ran	65
S C Fleming run out	46
C L Cairns c S Ranatunga b Push'mara	72
†A C Parore b Vaas	31
D N Patel not out	23
J T Vaughan not out	1
Extras (2 b, 5 lb, 1 nb, 5 w)	13
Total (6 wkts)	271

G Larsen, M Su'a and C Pringle did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-28, 3-122, 4-177, 5-235, 6-265.

BOWLING: Pushpakumara 10-0-53-2; Vaas 10-1-41-1; Gurusinha 4-0-19-0; Kalpage 8-0-54-0; Muralidaran 10-0-42-1; Silva 8-0-55-0.

SRI LANKA

A P Gurusinha c Greatbatch b Vaughan	33
S Jayasuriya c Greatbatch b Vaughan	46
S Ranatunga run out	11
P A de Silva c and b Vaughan	54
*A Ranatunga run out	2
H P Tillekeratne c Young b Pringle	10
R Kalpage c Fleming b Vaughan	35
C P Vaas run out	27
M Muralidaran c Parore b Cairns	8
R Pushpakumara c Patel b Cairns	3
J Silva not out	1
Extras (3lb, 1nb, 4w)	8
Total	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-98, 3-98, 4-105, 5-132, 6-193, 7-208, 8-228, 9-236, 10-238.

BOWLING: Pringle 9-1-47-1; Su'a 3-0-35-0; Cairns 7.5-0-49-2; Vaughan 10-1-33-4; Larsen 10-1-38-0; Patel 6-0-33-0.

BRISBANE: Sheffield Shield: Final (third day of four): South Australia 214 (J Brayshaw 53, T Nielsen 53; C Rackemann 3-54); Queensland 501 for four (T Barsby 151, M Love 146, A Border 76 not out, M Hayden 74).

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: GS Europa two-day (Hampshire, 145 miles): 1, L Davis (Team Energy), 5hr 50min 22sec; 2, M Illingworth (Team Clean), at 8sec; 3, P Longbottom (North Wirral Velo), at 22sec. Romford-Harlow (pro-am, 87 miles): 1, G Holmes (Ambrosia-Dynatech), 3:20:15; 2, J Tanner (Tritech), at 6sec; 3, R Holden (Ambrosia-Dynatech), same time. Northern Velo (Middlesbrough, 63 miles): P Curran (Optimum Performance RT), 2:30:00. Highgate CC (Hertfordshire, 68 miles) S Tamblin (Letchworth Velo), 2:40:00. Catford CC (Edenbridge, 100km): M Lacey (Twickenham CC), 3:05:00. Central Lancashire RC (Oakenclough, 51 miles). M Lovatt (Optimum Performance RT), 2:23:10. Glasgow Nightingale CC (45 miles): J Wilson (Denny RC), 2:02:15. Moray Firth CC (Culloden Moor) 35 miles. W Aird (Moray Firth CC), 1:44 05

TIME TRIALS: Ribble Valley CRC (hilly, 35 miles). G Butler (Norwood Paragon CC), 1:22:42. Team: Pendle Forest CC, 4:52:46. Circuit of Ingleborough (hilly, 27 miles): G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 1:02:21. Team: Pendle Forest CC 3:22:28. Birmingham CC (team, 50km): Wreckinsport CC, 1:04:59. Hemel Hempstead CC (hilly, 30 miles): J Hunt (Hemel Hempstead CC), 1:13.37. Team: Hemel Hempstead CC, 3.53.16. Royal Dean Forest CC (hilly, Coleford, Gloucestershire, 29 miles). S Pearse (CT Nevada), 1:21 35. Team: CT Nevada, 4:12 17. Mid-Oxon CRT (25 miles): C Brooks (VC Camelot), 52:39. South Staffordshire CA (25 miles). L Rathbone (Tamworth RCC), 56:22. Team: Walsall RCC, 2:58:00. Salisbury RC (25 miles): G Pickford (Antelope RT), 56:23. Team: Antelope RT, 2:57:20. Ely and District CC (25 miles): A Newark (CC Breckland), 57:58. Team: Cambridge CC, 3:24:09. Two-up event: G Taylor and A Stapleton (Leo RC), 57:17. North Middlesex and Hertfordshire CA (25 miles): K Allen (Whitewebbs CC), 59:04. Team: North Bucks RC, 3.02:05. Southern Counties CU (Cranleigh, Surrey, 25 miles): S Dennis (East Grinstead CC), 59 41. Team: Brighton Excelsior CC, 3:05:04. Heron RC (hilly, Honiton, 25 miles): P Shelley (Wellington Wheelers), 1:01:56 (event record). Knaresborough CRT (Circuit of Nidderdale, 25 miles): C Giles (TS Tameside), 1:04 59. Team: Huddersfield RC, 3:26:45. Boston Wheelers (two-up, 25 miles): J French and G Dighton (Leo RC), 55 39. Clevedon and District RC (two-up, 25 miles): L Denham and A Lyons (Plymouth Corinthian CC), 56:37. Cestria CC (Lanchester, Co Durham, 25 miles). K Bryden (Houghton CC), 1.00:55. Kettering Amateur CC (hilly, 22.6 miles): M Miller (Peterborough CC), 53:58. Team: Peterborough CC, 2:51:28. Wensleydale Wheelers (hilly, 22 miles): D Cook (Middridge CRT), 57:45. Team: Ferryhill Wheelers, 3:20:18. Gala CC (Galashiels, mountain 20.5 miles): S Duff (GS Modena), 54:38. Team: Penicuik RT, 2:54:30. Crewe Clarion Wheelers (hilly, 15 miles). W Moore (Leo RC), 33:39. Team: Crewe Clarion Wheelers, 1:47:54. Cardiff Ajax CC (10 miles): N Yarworth (Rhondda V CC), 23:28.

EQUESTRIANISM

EASTON PARK: Trials: Special advanced: 1, Comic Relief (R Powell) 53; 2, McRaffles (S Newman) 56; 3, Buckley Province (A Nicolson) 58

GOLF

PONTE VEDRA BEACH: Player's championship: Third round scores (US unless stated) 211: B Langer (Ger) 69, 71, 71, C Pavin 66, 73, 72. 212: L Janzen 69, 74, 69. 213: P Stewart 69, 73, 71. 214: P Jacobsen 74, 69, 71; D Welbring 71, 70, 73; S Stricker 69, 71, 74, D Love 73, 67, 74. 215: J Maggert 71, 72, 72; B Claar 74, 70, 71; T Lehman 71, 72, 72, B Bryant 72, 71, 72. 216: M Heinen 74, 75, 67, M McCumber 71, 73, 72; N Ozaki (Japan) 74, 70, 72; S Simpson 71, 72, 73; B Andrade 74, 69, 73. S Ballesteros (Sp) 75, 68, 73; I Woosnam (Wales) 74, 69, 73. 217: L Roberts 73, 72, 72; A Magee 70, 75, 72. G Norman (Aus) 70, 74, 73, G Sauers 67, 72, 78. Selected scores: 219: M McNulty (Zim) 76, 72, 71, V Singh (Fiji) 74, 72, 73; M Ozaki (Japan) 72, 72, 75. 220: C Montgomerie (Scot) 79, 70, 71; J Parnevik (Swe) 74, 74, 72. 221: D Frost (SA) 72, 74, 75. 222: J-M Olazabal (Sp) 78, 70, 74; E Els (SA) 72, 72, 78. 227: R Allenby (Aus) 77, 72, 78.

SANTA PONSA II: Turespana Balearic Open: Final scores (GB and Ire unless stated) 274: G Turner (NZ) 74, 65, 67, 68. 276: C Rocca (It) 71, 67, 71, 67. 280: M A Jimenez (Sp) 72, 73, 68, 69. 281: J Van de Velde (Fr) 70, 72, 71, 68; B Lane 71, 70, 69, 71. 282: R McFarlane 70, 69, 71, 72. 283: S Struver (Ger) 75, 69, 68, 71. 284: J Sandelin (Swe) 70, 70, 75, 69; F Lindgren (Swe) 69, 72, 70, 73; P Eales 73, 69, 68, 74. 285: M Jonzon (Swe) 77, 70, 70, 68; M Mouland 67, 69, 74, 75; A Coltart 74, 69, 70, 72; D Clarke 76, 71, 68, 72; P Mitchell 76, 68, 68, 73. 286: G Emerson 68, 72, 76, 70, K Waters 75, 72, 68, 71; M Clayton (Aus) 74, 69, 71, 72, P Golding 70, 73, 68, 75; I Pyman 71, 70, 71, 74. 287: A Sorensen (Den) 78, 70, 70, 71, M James 73, 69, 73, 72; P Fulke (Swe) 77, 68, 69, 73. 288: S McAllister 71, 73, 72, 72. A Hunter 73, 73, 69, 73; F Valera (Sp) 73, 70, 70, 75. 289: J Lomas 72, 75, 71, 71, F Tarnaud (Fr) 75, 71, 71, 72, D Westermark (Swe) 72, 68, 77, 72; R Chapman 73, 73, 73, 70; A Gilner (Swe) 74, 73, 69, 73. P Linhart (Sp) 67, 74, 74, 74; J Rozadilla (Sp) 68, 74, 77, 70. 290: L Westwood 75, 71, 70, 74. J M Carriles (Sp) 73, 71, 72, 74; M Gortana (It) 72, 75, 66, 77. 291: S Watson 70, 76, 72, 73; I Garrido (Sp) 75, 70, 73, 73; P Hedblom (Swe) 75, 70, 71, 75, D Smyth 70, 71, 80, 70. 292: J Hawksworth 77, 69, 71, 75, P Affleck 71, 72, 75, 74. 293: A Bossert (Switz) 70, 73, 74, 76; M Davis 74, 72, 72, 75, M McLean 78, 70, 75, 70, E O'Connell 77, 71, 75, 70. 294: S Richardson 70, 77, 70, 77, C Cevaer (Fr) 77, 71, 70, 76, A Oldcorn 76, 71, 73, 74, S Ames (Tri) 68, 80, 72, 74; P Moloney (Aus) 79, 69, 79, 67. 295: D R Jones 74, 72, 73, 76; P Mayo 74, 72, 74, 75, J L Guepy (Fr) 75, 71, 75, 74. 296: C Suneson 78, 69, 72, 77; J Rivero (Sp) 71, 74, 81, 70; P McGinley 71, 74, 78, 73, M A Martin (Sp) 74, 73, 74, 75; M Roberts 73, 75, 74, 74; J Quiros (Sp) 74, 74, 75, 74. 297: A Cejka (Ger) 76, 71, 71, 79, F Jacobson (Swe) 75, 72, 77, 73. J M Canizares (Sp) 74, 74, 75, 74. Retired: J Spence.

RANCHO MIRAGE: LPGA Dinah Shore tournament: Third round scores (US unless stated): 211: T Green 71, 70, 70. 213: N Lopez 74, 71, 68. 214: L Davies (GB) 75, 69, 70. 215: S Redman 75, 70, 70. N Bowen 69, 75, 71. 216: C Walker 74, 73, 69. L Merten 74, 69, 73. 217: D Coe-Jones (Can) 71, 75, 71, M Mallon 74, 72, 71. S Turner 72, 74, 71. 218: B Thomas 79, 69, 70; D Massey 71, 75, 72; B Burton 76, 71, 71. T-J Myers 77, 68, 73. M Estill 72, 72, 74. 219: K Noble 71, 77, 71; P Jordan 73, 74, 72, J Inkster 76, 70, 73. S Palmer 72, 73, 74. K Robbins 76, 67, 76. 220: M McNamara 79, 71, 70. L West 74, 75, 71. P Bradley 74, 75, 71; K Albers 76, 72, 72; B Mucha 74, 74, 72; N Ramsbottom 72, 74, 74. Selected scores: 221: C Pierce (GB) 77, 71, 73. 222: A Nicholas (GB) 75, 74, 73. 223: L Neumann (Swe) 75, 74, 74. 224: A Sorenstam (Swe) 76, 74, 74. 227: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp) 74, 78, 75; F Descampe (Bel) 77, 72, 78; T Johnson (GB) 74, 75, 78. Non-qualifiers: 155: H Dobson (GB) 79, 76. 156: S Strudwick (GB) 74, 82. 162: H Alfredsson (Swe) 86, 76, A-M Palli (Fr) 84, 78.

GYMNASTICS

BLETCHLEY: British rhythmic championships: 1, J McGuire (unattached) 34 35; 2, A McKenzie (Westminster) 34.15; 3, A Deehan (Coventry) 33.00.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford 5 NY Islanders 1, Washington 2 Philadelphia 2 (OT); San Jose 3 Los Angeles 1, Quebec 2 NY Rangers 1; Montreal 3 Ottawa 1; Winnipeg 3 Toronto 3 (OT), Detroit 2 Vancouver 1.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 4 Durham 14. Cardiff 15 Whitley 5; Fife 8 Bracknell 3; Milton Keynes 7 Edinburgh 4. Nottingham 8 Sheffield 8. First division: Blackburn 11 Guildford 8; Chelmsford 8 Paisley 12, Lee Valley 0 Swindon 10; Slough 5 Telford 5, Trafford 10 Medway 9.

LACROSSE

MEN: Shepherds Friendly Society: North: Mellor 14 Ashdown-u-Lyne 3; Sheffield 8 O Waconians 8; Stockport 18 Sale 4

WOMEN: Cobham: All-England Clubs & Colleges Tournament: Semi-finals: Birmingham Univ 4 Guildford 1; Wt London 1 Berkshire W 3. Final: Berkshire W 2 Birmingham Univ 1. Carlton Berry Cup: Final: Reel Team 1 Purley 3. Len Smith Cup: Beckenham 2 Motspur 1.

MOTORCROSS

TALAVERA DE LA REINA: Spanish Grand Prix: 250cc: First race: 1, M Bervoets (Bel, Suzuki). 2, T Vohland (US, Kawasaki); 3, Y Demaria (Fr, Yamaha), 4, P Beirer (Ger, Honda). 5, K Nicoll (GB, Honda), 6, A Bartolini (It, Yamaha). Second race: 1, Bervoets. 2, Nicoll: 3, S Everts (Bel, Kawasaki), 4, Demaria, 5, P Tragter (Holl, Suzuki), 6, Beirer

MOTORCYCLING

EASTERN CREEK: Australian grand prix: 500cc: 1, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 46min 06.030sec; 2, D Beattie (Aus, Suzuki) 13.446sec behind; 3, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 19.068sec behind, 4, L Cadalora (It, Yamaha) 33.753sec behind; 5, K Schwantz (US, Suzuki) 34.372sec behind; 6, A Barros (Br, Honda) 38.000sec behind.

250cc: 1, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 43min 52 872sec; 2, T Harada (Japan, Yamaha) 0 113sec behind; 3, M Biaggi (It, Aprilia) 0 146sec behind, 4, C Checa (Sp, Honda) 37 974sec behind, 5, N Aoki (Japan, Honda) 38 091sec behind.

125cc: 1, H Aoki (Japan, Honda) 42min 52.040sec. 2, K Sakata (Japan, Aprilia) 15.641sec behind; 3, T Manako (Japan, Honda) 22 096sec behind, 4, E Alzamora (Sp, Honda) 22 164sec behind; 5, N Ueda (Japan, Honda) 24 928sec behind.

NETBALL

BELFAST: European League: England 62 N Ireland 23.

NORDIC SKIING

SAPPORO: Combined World Cup: 1, K Ogiwara (Japan). 2, K T Apeland (Nor); 3, B E Vik (Norway); 4, T E Elden (Nor). 5, B J Elden (Nor).

Final standings: 1, Ogiwara 1265pts: 2, Vik 911; 3, Apeland 898.

ROWING

LONDON: Head of River: 1, Holland 16min 58.51sec. 2, Leander I 17:1.70; 3, Imperial Col I 17:05.93, 4, Leander II 17:11.91: 5, Nottinghamshire Co RA I 17 14 10.

HENLEY: Women's Boat race: Cambridge bt Oxford 6min 02sec. Lightweight: Oxford bt Cambridge.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Team matches. 300, 500 & 600yds: 1, Manydown RC 1,126.101 (A Clarke 144.16); 2, Royal Navy TRC 1,124 87 (CCPO K Wilingale 145.14). 300, 600 & 900 yds: 1, London and Middlesex 1,468.130 (T Bedwell 195.24). 2, UK Police 1,439.103,103 (G Walker 186 15

SNOOKER

CO KILDARE: Benson and Hedges Irish Masters: Semi-final: P Ebdon (Eng) bt J Parrot (Eng) 6-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt J Swail (N Ire) 6-3.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Coventry 46 Poole 50; King's Lynn 48 Eastbourne 48; Ipswich 57 Middlesbrough 38.

PREMIERSHIP: First leg: Eastbourne 57 Poole 39.

SQUASH

CARDIFF: British Open Championships: Semi-finals: Men: J Khan (Pak) bt R Eyles (Aus) 12-15, 15-9, 15-12; P Marshall (Eng) bt B Martin (Aus) 15-7, 15-7, 6-15, 15-12. Women: M Martin (Aus) bt S FitzGerald (Aus) 3-9, 9-2, 3-9, 9-3, 9-2; L Irving (Aus) bt S Horner (Eng) 9-6, 9-3, 3-9, 9-3.

SWIMMING

CRYSTAL PALACE: Open meeting: Men: 200m freestyle: 1, G Hudson (Portsmouth N) 1:55.28. 400m freestyle: 1, D Magenes (Gre) 4:01.88. 200m breaststroke: 1, D Shearsby (Wycombe) 2:26.21. 100m backstroke: 1, N Willey (Barnet C) 58.50. 200m backstroke: 1, C Jones (Cardiff) 2:06.87. 50m butterfly: 1, R Petcu (Rom) 25.90. 200m butterfly: 1, M Watkins (Torfaen) 2:04.72.

Women: 50m freestyle: 1, S Rolph (Newcastle) 26.50. 400m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (Beckenham) 4:17.09. 800m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (Bracknell) 8:46.08. 100m breaststroke: 1, K Rake (Maxwell) 1.13.74. 50m backstroke: 1, H Barnes (Maxwell) 30 84. 200m backstroke: 1, K Osher (Ealing) 2:16.11. 50m butterfly: 1, S Greenep (Ferndown O) 28.62. 100m butterfly: 1, S Greenep (Ferndown O) 1.03.40. 400m medley: 1, H Slatter (Warrington W) 4.55.96.

TENNIS

KEY BISCAYNE: Lipton Championships: Women: Final: S Graf (Ger) bt K Date (Japan) 6-1, 6-4

CASABLANCA: ATP tournament: Semi-finals: A Costa (Sp) bt A Lopez Moron (Sp) 6-3, 6-2; G Schaller (Austria) bt S Schalken (Holl) 6-4, 6-4.

YACHTING

AMERICA'S CUP: Defenders: Stars & Stripes (D Conner) bt Mighty Mary (L Egnot) 0:13, Young America (K Mahaney) bt Mighty Mary 0:47. Challengers: TAG Heuer (C Dickson, NZ) bt Nippon 95 (M Namba, Japan) 0:23, T New Zealand (R Coutts, NZ) bt oneAustralia (J Bertram, Aus) 2:29; oneAustralia bt Nippon 95 1:39; T New Zealand bt TAG Heuer 1:44.

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Gloucester 8 Sale 20

Gloucester: Try: Holford. Pen: Osborne. Sale: Tries: Fowler, Mallinder, Turner. Con: Liley. Pen: Liley.

Harlequins 10 Northampton 9

Harlequins: Tries: Kitchin, Staples. Northampton: Pens: Grayson 3.

Orrell 20 Bristol 16

Orrell: Try: Horrocks. Pens: Anscough 5. Bristol: Try: Denney. Con: Tainton. Pens: Tainton 3

Wasps 11 Bath 10

Wasps: Try: Greenwood Pens: Andrew 2. Bath: Try: Butland. Cons: Callard. Pens: Callard.

W Hartlepool 6 Leicester 12

West Hartlepool: Pens: Stimpson 2 Leicester: Pens Harris 3. Dropped goal: Harris.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	14	11	1	2	310	197	23
Bath	14	10	3	1	261	150	23
Wasps	14	10	0	4	350	242	20
Sale	14	6	2	6	270	270	14
Orrell	14	5	3	6	175	216	13
Bristol	14	6	0	8	250	275	12
Gloucester	14	5	1	8	207	231	11
West Hartlepool	14	4	1	9	243	309	9
Harlequins	14	4	1	9	192	274	9
Northampton	14	3	0	11	199	293	6

LEADING SCORERS: 165: M Tainton (Bristol; 9 conversions, 48 penalty goals, 1 dropped goal). 160: J Harris (Leicester. 11c, 40pg, 6dg) 144: P Grayson (Northampton: 1 try, 8c, 40pg, 1dg) 131: J Callard (Bath: 1t, 12c, 34pg). 116: R Andrew (Wasps, 2t, 14c, 23pg, 3dg) 92: P Turner (Sale; 1t, 18c, 14pg, 3dg) 85: M Mapletoft (Gloucester; 2t, 9c, 19pg). 78: P Challinor (Harlequins, 1t, 2c, 21pg, 2dg). 76: T Stimpson (West Hartlepool. 2t, 9c, 16pg). 73: S Langford (Orrell, 2c, 23pg) 52: K Oliphant (West Hartlepool; 5c, 14pg)

Second division

London Irish 25 Coventry 8

London Irish: Tries: Hall, Irons, McEntegart. Cons: Corcoran 2. Pens: Corcoran 2. Coventry: Tries: Shepherd. Dropped goal: Hart.

London Scottish 29 Moseley 24

London Scottish: Tries: Harrold, A Walker Cons: Steele 2. Pens: Steele 4. Dropped goal: Steele. Moseley: Tries: Hanson, Bruce-Payne. Cons: Kerr. Pens: Kerr 4

Newcastle G 15 Wakefield 15

Newcastle Gosforth: Pens: Mason 4. Dropped goal: Mason. Wakefield: Pens: Jackson 5

Saracens 32 Nottingham 7

Saracens: Tries: Botterman, Butler, Clark, Green. Pens: Lee 3, Tunningley. Nottingham: Try: Musto Con: Gallagher.

Waterloo 12 Fylde 19

Waterloo: Pens: Swindells 4. Fylde: Tries: Anderton, Gough. Pen: Gough. Dropped goals: Barclay 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	14	13	0	1	291	160	26
Wakefield	14	8	1	5	247	219	17
London Irish	14	8	0	6	301	262	16
Newcastle G	14	7	1	6	292	197	15
London Scottish	14	7	0	7	275	244	14
Waterloo	14	7	0	7	230	252	14
Fylde	14	6	0	8	197	267	12
Nottingham	14	5	1	8	227	250	11
Moseley	14	5	1	8	202	256	11
Coventry	14	2	0	12	177	332	4

LEADING SCORERS: 161: M Jackson (Wakefield; 10 conversions, 47 penalty goals). 152: S Mason (Newcastle Gosforth; 1 try, 15c, 37pg, 2 dropped goal) 129: A Tunningley (Saracens; 2t, 13c, 31pg). 127: M Corcoran (London Irish; 3t, 14c, 28pg). 126: S Swindells (Waterloo: 6c, 38pg). 99: S Hodgkinson (Moseley; 6c, 28pg, 1dg). 84: M Gallagher (Nottingham; 6c, 24pg): A Parker (Fylde, 9c, 22pg). 75: R Angell (Coventry: 3c, 22pg, 1dg). 74: M Walker (London Scottish; 3t, 4c, 13pg, 4dg).

Third division

Blackheath	12	Bedford	12
Exeter	18	Otley	11
Harrogate	8	Rugby	27
Morley	31	Richmond	24
Rosslyn Park	25	Clifton	8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackheath	14	10	1	3	208	104	21
Bedford	13	9	1	3	269	159	19
Otley	14	8	0	6	225	165	16
Morley	14	7	1	6	216	251	15
Harrogate	14	7	1	6	194	245	15
Rugby	13	7	0	6	210	192	14
Rosslyn Park	14	7	0	7	201	208	14
Richmond	14	4	1	9	202	241	9
Clifton	14	4	0	10	179	259	8
Exeter	14	3	1	10	132	212	7

LEADING SCORERS: 161: A Finnie (Bedford, 13 conversions, 42 penalty goals, 3 dropped goals) 135: P Rutledge (Otley; 4 tries, 11c, 31pg) 120: J Grayshon (Morley; 2t, 10c, 27pg, 3dg) 106: S Howard (Blackheath; 8c, 28pg, 2dg). 86: J Gregory (Richmond; 1t, 9c, 21pg). 83: S Hogg (Clifton; 7c, 18pg, 5dg) 79: J Quantrill (Rugby; 1t, 10c, 18pg). 78: D Clappison (Harrogate. 6c, 20pg, 2dg). 41: J Hoad (Richmond. 1t, 11pg, 1dg); M Giften (Rosslyn Park; 1t, 6c, 8pg).

Fourth division

Aspatria	11	Rotherham	32
Broughton Park	19	Plymouth	9
Havant	18	Reading	22
Leeds	20	Liverpool St H	26
Redruth	29	Askeans	18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham	14	13	0	1	459	200	26
Reading	14	12	0	2	322	237	24
Liverpool St H	14	9	2	3	288	182	20
Havant	14	8	2	4	311	229	18
Leeds	14	6	0	8	218	223	12
Aspatria	14	6	0	8	209	286	12
Redruth	14	4	2	8	238	304	10
Broughton Park	14	4	0	10	166	286	8
Plymouth	14	2	2	10	227	305	6
Askeans	14	2	0	12	166	352	4

Fifth division north

Birmingham	19	Stourbridge	6
Kendal	9	Stoke	3
Lichfield	38	Barkers Butts	11
Nuneaton	11	Hereford	6
Sheffield	16	Winnington Park	5
Wharfedale	8	Walsall	50

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	10	8	1	1	335	71	17
Preston G	11	8	1	2	167	108	17
Kendal	10	7	1	2	193	137	15
Lichfield	10	6	0	4	176	151	12
Stourbridge	11	6	0	5	156	161	12
Wharfedale	11	5	1	5	197	189	11
Stoke	11	5	1	5	148	143	11
Winnington Park	10	4	1	5	132	182	9
Sheffield	11	4	0	7	143	187	8
Birmingham	11	4	0	7	157	217	8
Barkers Butts	11	4	0	7	89	221	8
Nuneaton	11	3	0	8	118	155	6
Hereford	10	1	2	7	128	217	4

Fifth division south

Basingstoke	8	Weston-s-Mare	27
Berry Hill	21	Met Police	18
Camborne	15	North Walsham	15
High Wycombe	49	Henley	6
London Welsh	86	Sudbury	7
Lydney	26	Tabard	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lydney	11	10	1	0	233	98	21
London Welsh	11	9	2	0	390	113	20
Weston-s-Mare	11	8	0	3	180	142	16
North Walsham	11	6	1	4	186	169	13
Barking	11	6	0	5	183	164	12
Met Police	11	5	0	6	170	156	10
Tabard	10	5	0	5	175	187	10
Camborne	11	3	2	6	156	174	8
High Wycombe	10	4	0	6	153	191	8
Henley	11	4	0	7	157	269	8
Berry Hill	11	3	0	8	130	220	6
Sudbury	11	3	0	8	141	312	6
Basingstoke	12	2	0	10	122	181	4

LONDON: First division: Camberley 15 Guildford and Godalming 8; Harlow 28 Esher 26; Maidstone 19 Ruislip 31; Old Mid-Whitgiftians 17 Old Colfeians 11, Streatham and Croydon 9 Ealing 18, Sutton and Epsom 14 Southend 10.

SOUTH WEST: First division: Brixham 31 Stroud 18; Cheltenham 7 Maidenhead 0, Cinderford 14 Torquay 14, Gloucester OB 21 Sherborne 0; Salisbury 11 St Ives 23; Taunton 8 Newbury 38.

MIDLANDS: First division: Burton 26 Mansfield 16, Camp Hill 23 Wolverhampton 0; Derby 3 Bedworth 7; Leamington 27 Towcestrians 12; Stafford 27 Syston 6, Whitchurch 7 Worcester 7.

NORTH: First division: Hull Ionians 29 Bradford and Bingley 25; Manchester 22 Huddersfield 20; Middlesbrough 29 Durham City 31; Stockton 26 Widnes 7, Wigton 13 Sandal 13, West Park Bramhope 29 York 10.

McEwan's League

First division

Currie	9	West of Scotland	3
Dundee HSFP	11	Watsonians	27
Hawick	11	Gala	9
Melrose	26	Heriot's FP	28
Stirling County	15	Glasgow HK	13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stirling County	12	11	0	1	223	151	22
Watsonians	13	9	0	4	298	212	18
Hawick	13	7	2	4	215	199	16
Boroughmuir	13	7	1	5	325	226	15
Gala	13	7	1	5	226	245	15
Edin Acads	12	6	2	4	196	134	14
Melrose	12	7	0	5	291	236	14
Heriot's FP	12	7	0	5	188	186	14
Glasgow H K	13	6	1	6	228	183	13
Jed-Forest	12	5	0	7	196	239	10
W of Scotland	12	5	0	7	159	213	10
Dundee HSFP	12	3	1	8	185	244	7
Currie	12	2	0	10	166	265	4
Stewarts Mel FP	13	1	0	12	158	321	2

Second division

Edin Wdrs	42	Haddington	15
Glasgow Acads	35	Kirkcaldy	16
Grangemouth	26	Gordonians	6
Preston Lodge	12	Peebles	13
Selkirk	58	Corstorphine	16

Swalec Cup

Sixth round

Aberavon	21	Cardiff Inst	15
Blackwood	6	Newbridge	14
Bridgend	25	Penygraig	10
Builth Wells	13	Mountain Ash	18
Llanelli	29	Dunvant	8
Neath	20	Swansea	22
Old Penarthians	9	Cardiff	45
Pontypridd	66	Old Illtydians	6

Heineken League

Second division

Ebbw Vale	20	Llandovery	7
Llanharan	11	Bonymaen	7

THIRD DIVISION: Pontypool United 13 Caerphilly 25; Tondu 16 Tredegar 22; Kenfig Hill 7 Ystradgynlais 15.

Insurance Corporation League

First division

Garryowen	13	Cork Constitution	8
St Mary's College	13	Dungannon	9
Sunday's Well	12	Lansdowne	12

Second division

Old Crescent	6	Ballymena	20
Wanderers	20	Bangor	9

CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys 28 Treorchy 48; Jed-Forest 41 Boroughmuir 26, Kelso 18 Stewart's Melville FP 29; Maesteg 10 Newport 38, Musselburgh 8 Edinburgh Academicals 45, Preston Grasshoppers 26 Tynedale 12; Pyle 10 Abercynon 31. Tumble 26 Narberth 19.

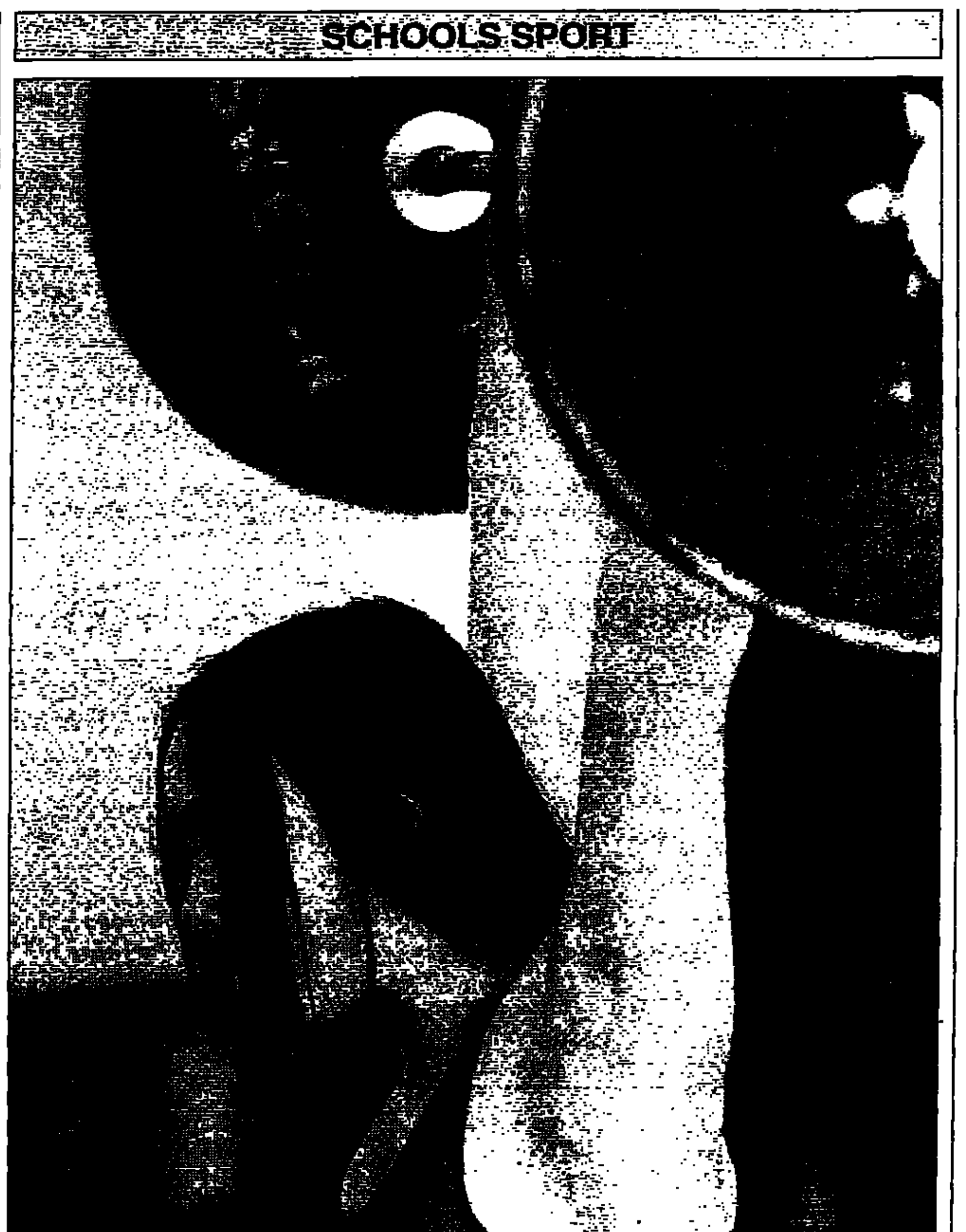
Colts match

England 12 Wales 22
(at Stoop Memorial Ground)

HONG KONG SEVENS TOURNAMENT: Quarter-finals: New Zealand 26 South Africa 0, Western Samoa 28 Tonga 5; Fiji 47 Namibia 0: Australia 26 England 0. Semi-finals: New Zealand 26 Western Samoa 0, Fiji 35 Australia 5 Final: New Zealand 35 Fiji 17. Plate; Semi-finals: Argentina 10 South Korea 7, Canada 28 Japan 5. Final: Canada 35 Argentina 12. Bowl: Semi-finals: Hong Kong 33 Taipei 0; Papua New Guinea 40 Thailand 0. Final: Hong Kong 45 Papua New Guinea 7

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SCHOOLS SPORT



Christable Fellows, of St John Fisher School, Dewsbury, weightlifting at the inaugural British schoolgirls' championships in Bristol yesterday. Fellows set four British records on her way to an outstanding victory. Report, page 32

Rugby Union

Schools international

England 19 Scotland 14
(at Twickenham)

Daily Mail Cup finals

Under-18: Colston's 23 Queen Elizabeth GS, Wakefield 0

Under-15: Bristol GS 0 Dulwich College 37.

Football

Hobbs Cup: Quarter-final: Vale of White Horse 4 East Berks 1.

London Corinthian Shield: Under-15: Semi-final: Newham 1 Basildon 2

London Gill Cup: Under-13: Semi-final: West London 4 Islington 9.

English Wimbledon Trophy: Under-13: Sutton 1 Croydon 3.

Middlesex Star Shield: Under-15: Harrow 4 Enfield 0.

Beaufoy Cup: Under-16: Semi-final: South London 1 Islington 1 (South London won on pens).

Lester Finch Trophy: Under-11: Brent 1 Harrow 4. Croydon 0 Sutton 2.

London Pear Trophy: Under-12: Third round: Newham 4 North Kent 3.

Ken Harvey Trophy: Semi-final: Bromley 2 Dover 0

English Haugh Trophy: Under-12: Maidstone 1 Croydon 2

Alder Cup: Salford 2 Bolton 1.

Snowdon Cup: Under-14: Liverpool 0 St Helens 1. Mid Cheshire 1 Halton 3.

Northern Merit: Chester 1 Oldham 1; Blackburn 1 Leeds 0

Welsh Shield: Under-15: Quarter-final: Cardiff 10 Newport 0

Welsh Mitre Shield: Semi-final: Merthyr 0 Cardiff 3

Alcock Cup: Under-14: Wirral 3 Chester 0

Inter-Association: Under-11: Newham 4 Islington 0. Under-15: Kirkby Knowsley 0 Wirral 0

WALTHAMSTOW: English Schools Preditor Cup Inner London Finals: South London 0 Hackney A 0; Tower Hamlets 0 Islington 3; Woolwich 2 Wandsworth 2: Bermondsey 1 Hackney B 0, South London 2 Wandsworth 1, Tower Hamlets 2 Hackney B 2, Islington 1 Bermondsey 1; Woolwich 1 Hackney A 1, Tower Hamlets 1 Bermondsey 2; South London 0 Woolwich 2; Islington 5 Hackney B 1; Hackney A 1 Wandsworth 2: Final: Islington 2 Woolwich 2 (aet Islington win on count back).

Weightlifting

BRISTOL: British schoolgirls' championships

Under-13 (one category only): 1, K Edwards (Bristol) 50kg Under-14 (42 kilos): 1, K Gascoigne (Bristol) 70. (Under 46 kilos): 1, K Manley (Bristol) 67.5. (Under 54 kilos). 1, E Kitney (Dover) 65. (Under 59 kilos): 1, L Tomplinson (Wadebridge, Cornwall), 80 (Over 59 kilos). 1, A Fisher (Bristol) 87.5 Under-16: (Under 54 kilos): 1, C Grimsby (Bristol) 65 (Under 59 kilos). 1, C Fellows (Dewsbury) 95

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Bradford 10 Leeds 30

Bradford: Tries: Christie, Hall. Goal: Fox. Leeds: Tries: Cummins, Eyres, Faimalo, Hanley, Tait. Goals: Cook 5 Att: 6,327

Featherstone 34 St Helens 27

Featherstone: Tries: Aston, Divet, Gibson, Nixon, Roebuck, Tuuta. Goals: Aston 5 St Helens: Tries: Martyn 2, Cooper, Eka, Prescott. Goals: Goulding 3 Dropped goal: Goulding. Att: 3,821

Halifax 39 Workington 20

Halifax: Tries: Bentley 2, Hagen, Jackson, Moriarty, Preston Goals: Schuster 7. Dropped goals: Schuster. Workington: (14) 20 Tries: Burns, Carter, Drummond Goals: Marwood 4 Att: 3,808

Wakefield 10 Sheffield 14

Wakefield: Tries: Forshaw, Spencer Goals: Whitaker Sheffield: Tries: Price, Sheridan. Goals: Mycoe 3 Att: 2,305.

Warrington 58 Salford 22

Warrington: Tries: Bateman 2, Harris 2, Penny 2, Roper 2, Davies, Lee, McGuire. Goals: Davies 7 Salford: Tries: McAvoy 2, Eccles, Randall. Goals: Watson 3 Att: 3,921

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	23	22	0	1	832	290	44
Leeds	25	20	1	4	716	439	41
St Helens	26	17	1	8	734	558	35
Warrington	25	16	2	7	656	448	34
Halifax	24	15	2	7	655	402	32
Castleford	24	15	2	7	652	467	32
Bradford	25	14	1	10	631	496	29
Sheffield	25	11	0	14	491	610	22
Oldham	24	9	1	14	433	590	19
Featherstone	24	8	1	15	476	538	17
Salford	25	8	1	16	486	668	17
Widnes	23	8	1	14	355	538	17
Workington	25	8	1	16	394	641	17
Wakefield	25	8	0	17	365	593	16
Doncaster	24	5	1	18	385	716	11
Hull	25	4	1	20	465	732	9

Second division

Batley 78 Leigh 22

Batley: Tries: Walker 3, Mirfin 2, Thornton 2, Child, Cocker, Heron, Moxon, Tomlinson, Wilson. Goals: Wilson 13. Leigh: Tries: Davies, Ingram, Liku, Maloney. Goals: Fanning 3. Att: 1,182.

Carlisle 12 Keighley 2

Carlisle: Tries: Manning, Russell. Goals: Richardson 2. Keighley: Goal: Irving. Att: 1,200

Huddersfield 42 Bramley 26

Huddersfield: Tries: Thomas 2, Austin, Hanger, Phil Hellewell, Pearce, Reynolds, St Hilaire. Goals: Pearce 5. Bramley: Tries: Thornton 2, Ashton, W Freeman, Marson. Goals: Creasser 3. Att: 2,166.

Hull K R 20 Dewsbury 4

Hull K R: Tries: Atkins, M Fletcher, P Fletcher. Goals: M Fletcher 4. Dewsbury: Tries: Holliday. Att: 1,904.

Hunslet 26 Barrow 24

Hunslet: Tries: White 2, Close, Grant, Whitehead. Goals: Close 3. Barrow: Tries: Clayton 2, Ashcroft, Trainor. Goals: Ruane 3, Phil Atkinson. Att: 383.

Rochdale 78 Highfield 6

Rochdale: Tries: Anderson 2, Diggle 2, Gibson 2, Pachniuk 2, Sharp 2, England, Fell, Marriott, Streit Goals: Streit 11. Highfield: Tries: Bannon Goals: Rippon. Att: 726.

Ryedale York 25 London Broncos 12

Ryedale York: Tries: Davis, Deakin, Ramsden, Thomas, Goals: Precious 3. Dropped goals: Dobson 2, Precious. London Broncos: Tries: Johnson 2, Roskell. Att: 737.

Whitehaven 6 Swinton 10

Whitehaven: Goals: L Anderson 2. Maguire. Swinton: Tries: Ashcroft, Hudspith. Goals: Hudspith. Att: 1,006.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	25	19	1	5	758	286	39
Batley	25	19	0	6	599	344	38
London Broncos	25	17	0	8	580	394	34
Hull K R	25	16	1	8	740	354	33
Huddersfield	24	16	1	7	688	396	33
Whitehaven	24	16	0	8	574	421	32
Dewsbury	23	15	0	8	597	334	30
Rochdale	25	14	0	11	669	478	28
Ryedale York	24	12	1	11	595	472	25
Hunslet	25	12	0	13	479	657	24
Leigh	24	10	0	14	501	609	20
Swinton	25	9	0	16	472	661	18
Bramley	23	8	0	15	440	485	16
Carlisle	25	6	0	19	455	766	12
Barrow	25	4	0	21	355	719	8
Highfield	25	1	0	24	184	1318	2

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Semi-final

Wigan 48 Oldham 20

Wigan: Tries: Connolly 3, Betts 2, Tuigamala 2, Edwards, Mather. Goals: Botica 6. Oldham: Tries: Belle 2, Bradbury, Sherratt. Goals: Marsh 2. Att: 12,749.

(at Huddersfield, 3.0)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Hemel Hempstead 45 Dudley Hill 8; Leigh M W 34 Seddleworth 18; Mayfield 32 Haworth 12.

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Fifth round: Oulton 8 Woolston 20; Halton Simms Cross 18 Crosfields 2; Oldham St Annes 10 Skirlaugh 22.

WINFIELD CUP: Penrith 34 South Queensland 12; Illawarra 20 Brisbane Broncos 34; Newcastle 25 St George 20; Sydney City 12 Sydney Bulldogs 19; Sydney Tigers 38 North Queensland 16; Auckland Warriors 46 Western Suburbs 12; Cronulla-Sutherland 14 Perth Western Reds 18; Gold Coast Seagulls 28 South Sydney 6; Parramatta 18 Canberra Raiders 34; North Sydney 0 Manly-Warringah 30.

HOCKEY

NEWPORT, Gwent: Four nations' junior tournament: Under-18: Saturday: Ireland 3 England 4; Wales 1 Scotland 5 Yesterday: Wales 0 Ireland 3: Scotland 1 England 7 Standings: 1, England, 2, Ireland, 3, Scotland; 4, Wales. Under-16: Saturday: Ireland 2 England 6; Wales 3 Scotland 2, Yesterday: Wales 3 Ireland 2. Scotland 0 England 5 Standings: 1, England; 2, Wales; 3, Ireland; 4, Scotland.

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Saturday: Guildford 4 Bournville 1 Hull 1 Cannock 5: Indian Gymkhana 0 Teddington 1 Yesterday: Cannock 3 Hounslow 0, Canterbury 3 Bournville 1, East Grinstead 2 Southgate 5; Havant 0 Teddington 3; Hull 1 Reading 2; Indian Gymkhana 1 Guildford 3: Old Loughtonians 1 Trojans 2; Stourport 5 Slough 1, Surbiton 1 Firebrands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Teddington	16	12	1	3	46	23	37
Cannock	15	10	4	1	46	17	34
Guildford	16	11	1	4	52	27	34
Reading	15	11	1	3	34	17	34
Southgate	16	9	5	2	45	23	32
Hounslow	17	9	4	4	33	21	31
Surbiton	16	7	5	4	30	19	26
East Grinstead	16	8	2	6	30	23	26
Old Loughtos	15	7	2	6	39	28	23
Havant	15	5	4	6	29	30	19
Bournville	16	5	4	7	32	39	19
Canterbury	17	4	6	7	29	33	18
Indian G	17	5	2	10	23	39	17
Stourport	16	3	6	7	24	32	15
Trojans	16	4	3	9	24	40	15
Hull	16	3	1	12	17	58	10
Firebrands	16	2	2	12	15	35	8
Slough	17	1	3	13	17	61	6

SECOND DIVISION: Doncaster 4 Hampstead and Westminster 0; Edgbaston 1 Sheffield 1; Gloucester City 2 Brooklands 2, Harleston Magpies 1 Beeston 0, Isca 1 Barford Tigers 1. Neston 1 Crostyx 2; Oxford University 4 Whitchurch 1; Richmond 4 Cambridge City 0; St Albans 2 Bromley 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Albans	15	11	2	2	39	22	35
Barford Tigers	16	9	3	4	32	20	30
Brooklands	17	9	3	5	32	25	30
Doncaster	16	8	4	4	28	15	28
Edgbaston	17	7	6	4	18	18	27
Harleston	17	8	2	7	25	20	26
Richmond	16	7	5	4	24	20	26
Oxford Univ	17	7	4	6	31	31	25
Beeston	17	7	4	6	28	30	25
Isca	16	6	5	5	30	21	23
Bromley	17	6	5	6	25	23	23
Sheffield	17	6	4	7	35	33	22
Gloucester	17	6	3	8	35	36	21
Hampstead	15	5	5	5	19	22	20
Whitchurch	17	5	4	8	23	30	19
Crostyx	17	5	4	8	22	31	19
Neston	15	1	3	11	11	30	6
Cambridge	17	1	2	14	16	46	5

NASTRO AZZURRO HOCKEY LEAGUE: Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Bracknell 3 Aylesbury 1.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Luton 2 Cambridge University 3. Premier division B: Bury St Edmunds 1 Norwich City 1, Romford 3 Pelicans 1; Stevenage 0 Bedford 0.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION: Balsam Leicester 2 Chelmsford 0; Clifton 3 First Personnel Sutton Coldfield 1; Hightown 5 Ipswich 0; Slough 7 Bracknell 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slough	13	12	1	0	40	6	37
Hightown	13	7	4	2	26	10	25
Ipswich	13	8	1	4	19	14	25
Sutton C	13	4	4	5	13	18	16
Leicester	13	3	5	5	12	15	14
Clifton	13	4	2	7	13	22	14
Bracknell	13	2	3	8	8	23	9
Chelmsford	13	1	2	10	11	34	5

FIRST DIVISION: Bluehearts 2 Canterbury 0; Bradford Swithenbank 0 Trojans 5; Exmouth 1 Doncaster 3; Wimbledon 0 Ealing 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Doncaster	13	11	0	2	28	8	33
Trojans	13	8	1	4	25	10	25
Wimbledon	13	6	4	3	19	14	22
Exmouth	13	5	3	5	14	17	18
Canterbury	13	4	4	5	11	16	16
Bradford	13	4	3	5	20	24	15
Bluehearts	13	2	3	8	9	21	9
Ealing	13	2	2	9	10	24	8

SECOND DIVISION: Pickwick 0 Sherwood 1; Loughborough 1 St Albans 0; Sunderland Bedans 1 Olton 0; Woking 3 Great Harwood 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	13	7	4	2	26	15	25
Loughborough	13	7	4	2	24	14	25
Olton	13	7	1	5	24	12	22
Woking	13	6	4	3	24	16	22
Sherwood	13	5	3	5	15	21	18
St Albans	13	5	2	6	13	16	17
Blackburn	13	2	5	6	20	31	11
Pickwick	13	1	1	11	9	30	4

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL (Deeside): Wales 0 South Africa 3

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands (at Leicester): Shropshire 0 Staffordshire 8; Warwickshire 2 Worcestershire 0; Leicestershire 2 Worcestershire 3; Warwickshire 2 Derbyshire 4; Northamptonshire 0 Staffordshire 3; Worcestershire 0 Shropshire 1; Leicestershire 1 Staffordshire 6; Northamptonshire 2 Derbyshire 1. South (at Bracknell): Berkshire 1 Middlesex 0; Surrey 4 Oxfordshire 0; Middlesex 2 Oxfordshire 3; (Sussex withdrew)

EAST LEAGUE: Dereham 1 Ancorians 0. Play-offs: Sudbury 2 March 2; Lincoln Imps 2 Norwich C 3; St Albans II 1 Clacton 0; Gravesend 0 St Ives 0.

WELSH LEAGUE: Llanfair 1 Cardiff Athletic 2.

RACING

DONCASTER

Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f) 1, Kustom Kit (F Norton, 20-1); 2, Ortolan (11-1), 3, Arvzees (13-2). Stealth Attack 5-2 fav 13 ran ¾l, 1¾l. B McMahon. Tote: £54 40; £10 00, £3 70, £2.50 DF £210 00. Trio: £465 10 CSF, £224.67.

2.30 (7f) 1, Mister Fire Eyes (B Doyle, 100-30 fav); 2, Tiler (11-2); 3, Mr Frosty (10-1) 15 ran NR: Barrel Of Hope 3l, 3l. C Brittain Tote. £3.90; £2.20, £2 30. £2.70 DF £6 60 Trio: £36 80 CSF. £21.84. Tricast £160.11.

3.00 (1m) 1, Juyush (W Carson, 11-10 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Heathyards Rock (20-1); 3, Moments Of Fortune (10-1) 10 ran 1¾l, nk. B Hills Tote: £2.00; £1 30. £6.80, £2 80. DF: £50.60. Trio. £92.10 CSF £24.12

3.40 (1m) 1, Roving Minstrel (K Darley, 33-1); 2, Moving Arrow (14-1). 3, Mr Martini (33-1); 4, Left The Lucky (33-1). Country Lover 15-2 fav 23 ran NR Metal Storm. Sh hd, ¾l. B McMahon Tote £51 70; £8 80, £5 90, £7.30, £6.20 DF: £837 70 Trio £7,696 90 CSF: £399.50. Tricast £12,933.56

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, Fire Worshipper (L Dettori, 11-2), 2, Cotton Chief (5-1); 3, Khamaseen (5-4 fav). 11 ran. Sh hd, 6l. J Gosden Tote. £6 50; £2.00, £1 80, £1.30 DF £14 90 Trio £10.90 CSF £34 02.

4.45 (6f) 1, Montendre (J Reid, 13-2), 2, Sharp Prod (9-1); 3, Double Blue (11-4 fav). 11 ran Nk, nk. M McCormack Tote £8.20; £3 00, £2.60, £1 60 DF £42 90. Trio £63 00. CSF £60 08

5.15 (6f) 1, Fata (W Carson, 8-1); 2, Forzair (9-1), 3, Mistress Thames (16-1) Summer Retreat 11-4 fav 20 ran. NR Carlito Brigante. 1¾l, nk. P Walwyn. Tote: £12.70; £2.90, £2.40, £11.60. DF: £44.10 Trio £289.20. CSF. £68 28.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £35,013.58 carried forward to Folkestone today).

Placepot: £1,115.90. Quadpot: £124.50.

NEWBURY

12.50 1, Nashville Star (16-1); 2, Plunder Bay (8-1), 3, Bowcliffe (8-1). Summerhill Special 7-2 fav (ur). 10 ran

1.20 1, Norse Raider (8-1); 2, Ryan Giggs (50-1), 3, Miss Haggis (15-2). Lesley's Angel ...

1.50 1, Well Briefed (100-30), 2, Meleagris (6-1), 3, Grange Brake (6-1) Brackenfield 3-1 fav 8 ran NR Plastic Spaceage

2.20 1, Conquering Leader (100-30 fav), 2, Shrulawn (11-2); 3, Precious Juno (66-1); 4, Polly Minor (33-1) 16 ran

2.50 1, Postage Stamp (9-1), 2, Too Plush (13-2), 3. The Carrot Man (10-1) 9 ran NR: Distinctive, Vazon Bay

3.20 1, Raqib (66-1); 2, Call Equiname (15-8 fav), 3, Perhaps (8-1). 18 ran.

3.50 1, Intermagic (7-1), 2, Keep It Zipped (3-1 fav), 3, The Flying Doctor (12-1). 21 ran NR: Uncle Bert.

4.20 1, Ashwell Boy (4-1). 2, Oban (9-4 fav). 3, Mayb-Mayb (14-1) 22 ran

LINGFIELD

2.25 1, Indrapura (5-1), 2, Secret Spring (15-2). 3, Fairelaine (8-1) Norfolk Glory 5-2 fav 9 ran.

2.55 1, Hever Golf Lady (12-1), 2, Mayday Kitty (8-1); 3, Alka International (33-1) Poly Road 2-1 fav 14 ran

3.30 1, Young Freeman (11-10 fav); 2, Herr Trigger (12-1), 3, Prince Danzig (20-1) 13 ran. NR: Romon Reel

4.00 1, Sir Tasker (6-1); 2, Our Shadee (6-1); 3, Montagoe Dawson (8-1). African Chimes 9-2 fav 11 ran

4.30 1, Maid Welcome (2-1 fav); 2, Das Island (7-2); 3. Apollo Red (25-1) 9 ran.

5.05 1, Kevasingo (10-1), 2, Keys Seminar (14-1). 3, Toy Princess (3-1 fav) 9 ran.

BANGOR

2.10 1, Bold Acre (6-1); 2, Glamour Game (9-2); 3, Three Philosophers (11-4). Being In Trouble 6-4 fav 12 ran

2.40 1, Decided (16-1); 2, Kinstenbosch (9-2); 3, Milton Rooms (4-1 fav). 11 ran NR. The Power of One

3.10 1, Andermatt (9-2); 2, Bacillicus (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Boll Weevil (10-1) Mutual Trust 3-1 jt-fav (f) 7 ran

3.45 1, Maamur (10-11 fav; Richard Evans's nap). 2, Henry VII (20-1). 3, Lenthall Princess (9-1) 8 ran

4.20 1, Fortunes Course (7-2 fav), 2, Star ...

4.55 1, Knock Rank (9-1); 2, Walls Court (3-1); 3, Corston Rambo (8-1) Danes Sun 15-8 fav 11 ran

5.25 1, Santa Concerto (2-1), 2, Bodfari Producer (10-1); 3, Kings Sermon (20-1) Brancher 11-8 fav 9 ran. NR: Desert Man.

POINT-TO-POINT

CLIFTON-ON-TEME (Upper Sapey). Hunt: 1, Denzil's Boy (M Munrowd, 1-2 fav), 2, Motivator; only 2 finished. 3 ran Open Mdn (Div I, part I): 1, Kelly Owens (Miss C Walker, 3-1). 2, Mr Patrick, 3, Tydelmore 11 ran Open Mdn (Div I, part II) 1, Split Second (Miss S Walin, 3-1), 2, Atlantic Highway: 3, Highway Five 12 ran Open Mdn (Div II, part I) 1, Danbury Lad (G Barlow-Saunt, 4-5 fav). 2, Just Whisper; 3, Matchlessly 11 ran Open Mdn (Div II, part II) 1, Welsh Clover (M Harris, 8-1). 2, Scriven Boy. 3, Doc Spot. 10 ran Rest: 1, McMahon's River (W Bryan, 4-5 fav), 2, Bakmalad; 3, Foxy Blue 11 ran. Intermediate: 1, Di Stefano (A Wintle, 6-4); 2, Northern Quay; 3, Wildnite 8 ran Open: 1, Ask Frank (H Wheeler, 1-3 fav); 2, Porter's Song: 3, Ronans Birthday. 5 ran Ladies: 1, Major Match (Miss C Thomas, 2-1); 2, Drumceva, 3, Solar Cloud. 8 ran Confined: 1, Lost Fortune (H Wheeler, 8-13 fav). 2, Roving Report, 3, Parsons Son 5 ran

CRAWLEY & HORSHAM (Parham): Hunt: 1, Unique New York (D Evatt, 1-2 fav); finished alone 3 ran Rest. 1, Across The Card (A Welsh, 2-1 fav); 2, Supreme Dealer: 3, Basher Bill 7 ran Confined 1, Little Martina (A Welsh, 4-6 fav); 2, Frere Hogan, 3, Tryumphant Lad 8 ran Open: 1, Paco's Boy (P York, 5-2); 2, Sunday Punch; 3, Johnny Rose 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Howaryadoon (Miss T Cave, 4-1); 2, Topping-The-Bill; 3, Wisebow. 10 ran. Open Mdn: 1, American Black (Miss T Cave, 5-1); 2, Stormhill Pilgrim, 3, Ballon Dollarbill 7 ran. Open Mdn 1, Tutter's Garth (A Welsh, 4-1), 2, Comors Gate, 3, Kil Kil Gale 7 ran

DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH'S (Friars Haugh). Rest I: 1, Wudimp (C Storey, 6-4 fav); 2, Postman's Knock; 3, Sandedge 14 ran Rest II. 1, Tom Log (W Burnell, 4-1), 2, Tod Law, 3, Cornkitty 20 ran. PPOA. 1, Little Glen (T Scott, 14-1); 2, Carbery Arctic; 3, Press For Action 8 ran Confined 1, Worthy Spark (P Craggs, 5-1) 2, No Joker: 3, Clare Lad 15 ran Ladies Open: 1, Misty Night (Miss A Bowie, 4-1): 2, Rushing Burn; 3, The Heavy 13 ran. Men's Open 1, Generals Boy (P ...

... Moriarty, 8 ran. Mdn I. 1, Sayin Nowt (K Anderson, 6-1); 2, Todorog; 3, Sunnie Cruise. 17 ran Mdn II 1, Bit Of A Blether (K Anderson, 4-5 fav). 2, Fixed Rate, 3, Little Greyside 14 ran Mdn III. 1, Tannock Brook (K Anderson, 3-1 jt-fav). 2, Royal Surprise; 3, Ouelitair Son 14 ran Hunt: 1, Marshalstoneswood (Miss A Bowie, 1-2 fav); 2, Cruise Home; 3 Sovereign Steps 6 ran

ESSEX (High Easter): Hunt: 1. The Right Kind (T Moore, 4-7 fav): 2, Foxy Games, 3, Takeover Bid 4 ran Confined: 1, River Melody (T Moore, 5-4 fav); 2, Abingdon Boy; 3, Who's Next 13 ran. Rest: 1, Lucky Christopher (G Tarry, 7-4 fav); 2, On The Beer; 3, General Picton 19 ran Ladies: 1, Larry The Lamb (Miss G Chown, 4-5 fav), 2, Emsee-H; 3, Springmount 12 ran Open 1, Ballyhyho (P Harding-Jones, 3-1), 2, Fine Lace, 3, No Rebasse. 7 ran Intermediate: 1, Loyal Note (S R Andrews, 4-6 fav); 2. Stanwick Fartop; 3, Aughrim Slopes. 6 ran Mdn (Div I) 1, Culm Baron (S R Andrews, 5-2), 2, Ballysheil Star; 3, Kelly's Original 10 ran Mdn II: 1, Faringo (C Ward, 16-1). 2, Just Maisy; 3, Muddle Head 12 ran

HOLCOMBE (Whittington): Hunt: 1, Molly Roade (P Murray, Evens fav); 2, Cu-Culaino, 3, Gandlis 6 ran Intermediate. 1, Ask Antony (R Ford, 12-1): 2, Freddie Fox, 3, Charlie Chalk 21 ran Confined: 1, Real Class (J Evans, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Wally Wrekin; 3, Nearctic Bay 9 ran Ladies 1, Peajade (Miss J Wormall, 4-7 fav), 2, Across The Lake; 3, Tammy My Girl 8 ran Open. 1, Mr Tittle Tattle (S Crank, 7-2), 2, Equity Player, 3, Syrus P Turntable 9 ran Open Mdn I: 1, Palm Court (M Williamson, 8-1), 2, Medmonhans; 3, Pebble Rock 13 ran Open Mdn II: 1, Albert Blake (R Thomas, 4-1), 2, Clonony Castle; 3, Kings Mischief. 15 ran

HURWORTH (Great Stainton): Hunt: 1, Chapel Island (G Tuer, Evens fav); 2, Lyningo, 3, Carly Clever Clogs 6 ran Rest 1, Risky Dee (N Wilson, 5-2), 2, First Drive, 3, Grey Realm 15 ran. Ladies 1, Barry Owen (Miss A Deniel, 5-1), 2, John Corbet, 3, Wall Game. 10 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Elegant Guest (D Raw, 5-1); 2, Father Liam, 3, Aftor Four 8 ran Open Mdn I. 1, Dynamite Dan (M Sowersby, 3-1); 2, Beau Gem; 3, Canny's Character 17 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Kingolnobles (N Wilson, 1-2 fav); 2, Sharondge, 3, Politicians Prayer 15 ran Open Mdn III: 1, Vaigly Grey (M Naughton, 33-1), 2, Castle Tyrant; 3, Advent Lady 16 ran. Confined 1, Durham Horner (Miss S Horner, 5-1), 2, ...

LAMERTON (Kilworthy): Hunt: 1, Walkers Point (W G Turner, 4-9 fav); 2, Eserie De Cores; 3, Chatsby 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Celtic Sport (Miss S Kirkpatrick, 11-8 fav); 2, Full Alirt, 3, Colonel O'Kelly 10 ran. Confined: 1, Tranquil Waters (G Penfold, 10-1); 2, Just My Bill, 3, Henry Vajra. 17 ran. Open: 1, Bootscraper (N Legg, 11-8 fav); 2, Auction Law, 3, Rathmichael 10 ran Rest: 1, Kaloore (P Scholfield, 3-1 fav), 2, Brown Rebel; 3, Mountain Master 18 ran Intermediate 1, The General's Drum (K Heard, 3-1); 2, Stoke Hand, 3, Golden Mick. 13 ran Mdn (Div I. part I): 1, Baron Rush (C Heard, 2-1 fav); 2, Collard Tor; 3, One For The Cross. 9 ran Mdn (Div I, part II), 1, Ticket To The Moon (P Scholfield, 3-1): 2, Kingsmill Quay; 3, Rosa's Revenge 10 ran Mdn II: 1, Merlin's Lad (I Widdicombe, 4-6 fav), 2, Chukamill; 3, M-Reg 15 ran

LLANGIBBY (Howick): Hunt 1, Lonesome Step (A Price, 12-1) 2, Rusty Music; 3, Duke Of Plumstead 6 ran. Rest I. 1, Black Joker (S Shinton, 2-1 fav); 2, Sun Of Chance; 3, Unantic 11 ran Rest II, 1, Ideal (J Rees, 4-5 fav); 2, Push Along; 3, Space Mariner 15 ran. Confined: 1, Lislary Lad (Miss C Thomas, 4-1); 2, Whiter's Quay; 3, Mo's Chorister. 12 ran Open: 1, Space Prince (S Blackwell, 12-1); 2, Bill Quill; 3, Major Mac. 11 ran. Ladies. 1, Bartondale (Miss B Williams, 10-1), 2, Catherines Pal, 3, Fast Freeze. 10 ran Mdn (Div I, part I): 1, Lighten The Load (P Williams, Evens fav). 2, Bucks Mist, 3, The Fun Of It 10 ran Mdn (Div I, part II). 1, Pick'n Hill (A Price, 5-1), 2, Starchys Image; 3, She Goes. 10 ran. Mdn (Div II, part I): 1, Antarctic Call (C Richards, 6-4 fav); 2, Hed Nor Tail; 3, Old Stone 9 ran. Mdn (Div II, part II) 1, Lady Buchan (M Traurig, 1-2 fav), 2, Gladstone Park; 3, Budget. 9 ran.

SOUTH WOLD (Market Rasen point-to-point): Hunt 1, Rousillon To Be (D Ingle, 2-7 fav); 2, Capital Letter; 3, Springfield Pet 4 ran Confined 1, Eldor Prince (P Gee, 4-1), 2, Acre Hill, 3, Somerby 12 ran Ladies. 1, Layedback Jack (Mrs J Dawson, 1-3 fav); 2, Proverb Prince; 3, Law Reform. 8 ran Land Rover Open: 1, Contact Kelvin (G Smith, 14-1); 2, Convincing, 3, Rehab Venture 15 ran Rest I: 1, Easby Roc (P Gee, 14-1), 2, Ginger Pink, 3, Zeriska. 10 ran. Rest II 1, Ways And Means (K Green, 14-1); 2, General Giggs, 3, Chorus Line 9 ran Mdn I: 1, By Law (J Gilbert, 7-2); 2, Master Crozina; 3, Majestic Ride 11 ran. Mdn II 1, Ocean Sovereign (C O'Neill, 10-1), 2, Pokey Grange: ...

VALE OF CLETTWR (Erw Lon): Hunt: 1, Ittihaad (J Jukes, 1-3 fav); finished alone. 3 ran. Mdn I: 1, Mister Horatio (M Lewis, Evens fav); 2, Final Cruise; 3, Notanotherone. 11 ran, Mdn II. 1, Robbie's Boy (M Butlers, 10-1); 2, True Fortune, 3, How Friendly. 11 ran. Mdn III; 1, Flexridge (Miss E Tamplin, 8-1); 2, Gus McCrae; 3, Barnaby Boy. 10 ran. Open: 1, Andretot (J Jukes, 6-4 fav); 2, Snowy Lane; 3, Ongami 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Handsome Harvey (Miss P Jones, 1-2 fav); 2, Never Be Great; 3, Fly Fred. 8 ran. Rest I: 1, Bironi (J Jukes, 1-2 fav); 2, Phar Too-Touchy; 3, Miss Millbrook. 11 ran. Rest II: 1, Rocket Run (D Duggan, 1-2 fav); 2, Kumada; 3, Good Holidays 6 ran. Confined: 1, First Pride (E Williams, 1-2 fav); 2, Daisy Miller; 3, La Mezeray 6 ran.

VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE (Siddington): Hunt: 1, Please Explain (R Fenshawe, 100-30); 2, Answers Please, 3, Fourcess. 8 ran Confined: 1, Severns Out (E James, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Dalametre; 3, Gentleman's Jig. 11 ran Open: 1, Bright Burns (R Sweeting, 4-7 fav), 2, Whats Your Problem; 3, Space Man. 6 ran Ladies: 1, Madam Advocate (Miss S Duckett, 2-1); 2, East River, 3, Icky's Five. 6 ran. Rest: 1, What About That (T Lacey, 7-2); 2, Hall Island, 3, Beer Necessities. 18 ran. Mdn: 1, Characteristic (M Rimell, 20-1); 2, Coolmoreen; 3, Free Bear. 15 ran.

WESTON & BANWELL (Wilton): Open Mdn I: 1, Highway Jim (T Mitchell, 9-2); 2, Parson Flynn; 3, Alex Thuscombe. 13 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Arctic Madam (D A-Hankey, 4-1); 2, Admirals Landing; 3, Kiwi L'Eglise. 11 ran. Confined: 1, Southerly Buster (I Dowrick, 4-1); 2, Badihar; 3, Brimstone Hill. 13 ran. Open: 1, Chilipour (G Maundrell, 66-1); 2, Flyming Cuplet, 3, Rapid Rascal. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Clandon Jack (Miss P Curling, 1-3 fav); 2, Just As Hopeful; 3, Autumn Zulu. 10 ran. Rest. 1, Still In Business (Miss P Curling, 6-1); 2, Chita's Cone; 3, Sullivans Choice. 13 ran.

WILTON (Badbury Rings). Hunt: 1, Spitfire Jubilee (R Nuttall, 4-5 fav), 2, Elegant Sun; 3, High Burnshot. 6 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Great Uncle (Miss A Goschen, 7-1); 2, Courtly Style, 3, Master Art. 11 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Winnie Lorraine (P Henley, 4-9 fav); 2, Indian Knight, 3, Society Member. 5 ran. Mdn: 1, Pines Express (P Henley, 4-6 fav); 2, Skip'N'time, only 2 finished. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Tangle Baron (M Felton, 6-4 fav), 2, Not My Line, 3, Pabrey. 10 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Sure Goer (M Felton, 5-1). 2, Saracen's Boy; 3, Just Ben 10 ran. Confined: 1, Panda Shandy ...

Graham Duffill discovers that ski jumping is child's play and that it's downhill all the way for adults

Over the hill on the nursery slopes

SPORT FOR ALL

"Hello, my name is Eric. I'm ten," said the boy in the red jumpsuit looking me up and down. "Why aren't you jumping on the big hill?"

Well, Eric, because the big hill is about 30 storeys high, and when you come off it at 60mph there are still 18 storeys to go before body meets land again and it won't necessarily be feet first.

At least on the 30m hill, at the top of which we stood, feet do come down first. That's why they let the five-year-olds jump off it.

For my lesson in ski jumping humility I was on Howelsen Hill in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. This is not just an American ski resort with ski-jumping. Ever since Steamboat was visited by a Norwegian immigrant called Carl Howelsen in 1913 it has been ski-jump USA.

As "Captain Carl, the Flying Norseman", Howelsen introduced America to ski jumping. He was paid $200 a week by the Barnum and Bailey circus to "ski sail" down a vaseline-greased wooden slide set at a 45-degree angle and to jump across a 60ft gap.

As I joined the children's class at Howelsen Hill my inspiration came from Gary Crawford, who jumped in two Olympics for America, and once broke his neck but did not realise for two weeks. I relied on him to manhandle me into position at the top of the jumps because my 9ft skis were as uncontrollable as two bars of soap. The skis have no metal edges, they are attached only at the toes and the boots are as soft as tennis shoes. After hard downhill boots and release bindings you feel as though you are wearing bathroom slippers attached by a rubber band. My first slide forward ended 300yds later in the car park.

Then you have to learn to lean forwards in a low tuck and stick out your hands behind you. If you lean too far forwards you pivot on your toes and plant your nose in the snow. If you sit back on your heels the skis do not track very well and instead of going down the in-run in a straight line you veer off at an angle and fall off the edge before you get to the jump.

I started ski jumping by running over a three-foot ramp on the slope and nearly missed it most times. The biggest fear was not the leap itself, but that I would not make it to the take-off.

The in-run is a surprisingly long, steep and frightening descent, much steeper than it looks on television. A skier on the 90m hill will accelerate to 60mph within two seconds. As you glide down, however, time seems to slow and allows fear, doubts and all manner of strange thoughts to crowd in your mind.

It is a popular misconception that ski jumps point upwards at the end, throwing the skier into the air. They point down at an angle of 10 or 11 degrees. If you ski straight off the end you will probably just avoid crashing into the flat part beneath the jump and will, with luck, get as far as the top of the knoll.

The difference between flopping off the end like a dead duck and making a ski jump is in the "spring", something that happens so fast that it has to be purely intuitive.

For beginners there is an unexpected psychological problem. The hill on which you are going to land is so steep that you cannot see it from above. The knoll disappears a few yards in front of the take-off and all you can see is the flat run out about 250 feet below. Seen from the jumper's perspective, this is a leap into pure blue sky.

The first task before jumping is to ski the run-outs. Even on the 50m run-out you feel the speed and have to prepare for the compression as you come out of the slope onto the flat. The 90m out-run looks elevator-shaft steep; standing straight up on normal downhill skis you will reach 60mph.

If the jumper holds back at all, the pressure of the air under those big skis will flip him on his back. If he jumps tensely or too aggressively off one leg he will find he is turning on to one side.

When you see ordinary boys twisting and turning in the air, fighting the air pressure for balance, you realise the forces that the perfect jumper is controlling.

The most wonderful feeling was of landing. You come down so softly that the exact moment of impact is imperceptible. Suddenly you realise you are down, it is over, you are speeding down the out-run and the exhilaration is enormous. You want to get straight back on the lift and do it again.

Gary says that while it is possible to teach an adult to ski jump you can never make an adult a ski jumper. This Saturday, the older children, (i.e., over-tens) were jumping in a competition on the 70m hill against the United States national team. In Steamboat, a respectable age to make the 90m, the one which Olympic judges ruled was too dangerous for Eddie the Eagle to ski, is 11 or 12. It is child's play really.

LIFT OFF

☐ Britain has no ski jumping hill. The International Ski Federation has lists of ski jumps (010 41 33 44 61 61).

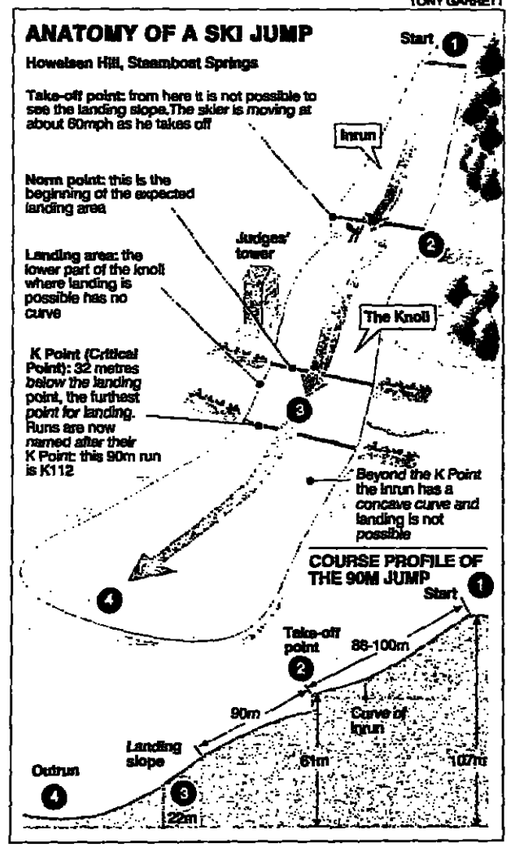
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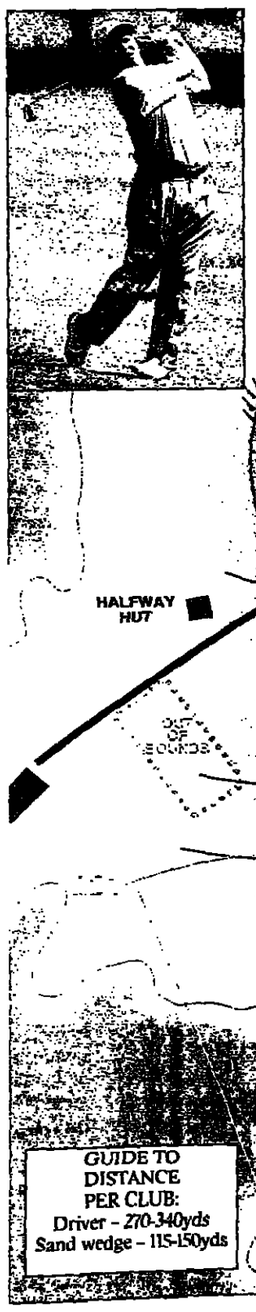
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FIRST WEEK'S WINNERS

The first weekly prize of a golfing holiday in Hawaii was won by Alan Anderson of Grimsby.
The Sunday Times prize of a set of Wilson clubs was won by Richard Taylor of Doncaster.
The Times prize was won by Paul Merone of Sale, Cheshire.



TODAY'S hole in our Golf Masters Challenge features the 9th at Turnberry, played by John Daly in the 1994 Open. This is a 452yd par four and Daly completed it in three shots. Taking into account a moderate to fresh southwesterly wind, he teed off with a driver. He used a sand wedge for the second shot to the green and a putter to hole.

SKY SPORTS adds the Ryder Cup in September to its golf coverage

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THE WORLD'S No 1 GOLF COURSE GUIDE

Today we publish the fourth hole in the Golf Masters Challenge accompanied by details of how many shots a leading professional golfer, John Daly, took to play the hole, the clubs he used and the prevailing weather conditions. The third hole appeared in The Sunday Times yesterday.

To play today's hole study the Strokesaver map taking into account the yardage guides which give both distances from the tee and yardages to the green. They also show obstacles that might prevent the golfer from hitting the ball in a straight line, such as water and trees.

Using your skill and judgment estimate how far each shot travelled, in yards. Then pick up the 'phone, dial the appropriate Hotline, follow the instructions and key in your answers (you will need a touchtone telephone and calls will last for about four minutes; calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times).

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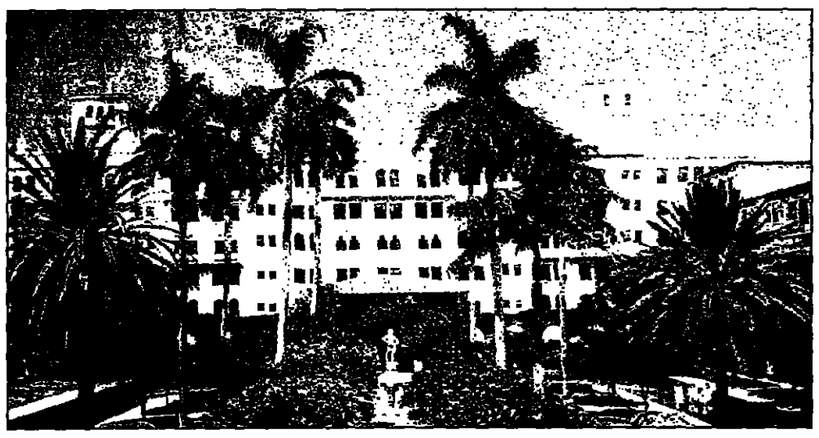
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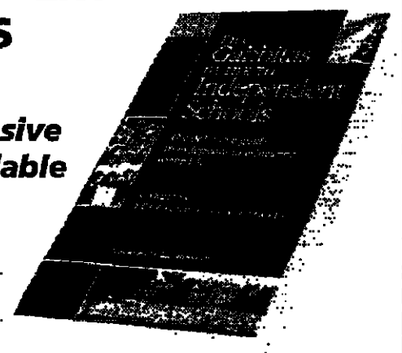
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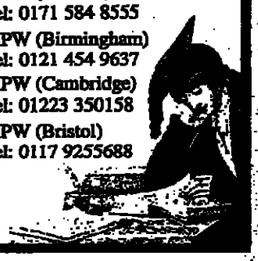
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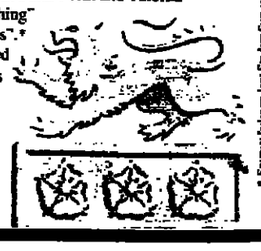
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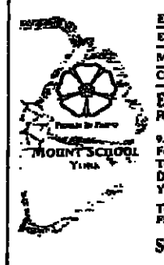
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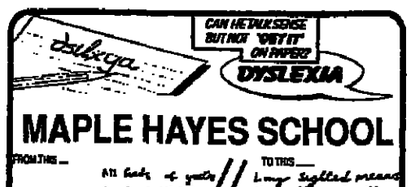
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GNVQs, or vocational courses, are proving an increasingly popular alternative, reports **David Tytler**

Parents generally have a clear idea of what their children need if they are to be successful: good grades at GCSE, three or four A levels and then university. Talk of *vocational* courses is too often considered second best.

But things are changing and vocational courses — which rejoice in the mind-numbing title of General National Vocational Courses *(GNVQs)* — appeal to teenagers who want more than another two years in the classroom with uncertain results. As a result, more and more schools are introducing them.

One of the first independent schools to offer GNVQs is Kingham Hill, a 200-pupil non-selective coeducational boarding school near Chipping Norton, in Oxfordshire. Michael Payne, the head, says: "One of the difficulties with British education has always been the divide between the academic and the vocational. GNVQs should combine the best of both.

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"In the past, education has been like a train: you get on aged five and stay on as long as you can, and if you are good enough you end up as a professor in your university in your subject. Getting off the train too soon has always been seen as second best."

Like many heads, Mr Payne is concerned that for too many teenagers the two-year A-level course is a waste of time, giving them poor results or failure, so that they end up little better qualified than they were at 16. He says: "For the academically able, the A level is fine, but for others it can be an unsatisfactory experience as they fight a battle for which they are not prepared. They end up trying only to satisfy the examiner rather than enjoying the subject.

"For the average pupil, vocational courses are very exciting. They will be doing something new. They develop an interest and start achieving something. They enjoy the freedom and the chance to experience the world of work."

Nearly 200,000 students are on GNVQ courses: 163,000 of them started last September; 35,000 are on the two-year advanced-level course. There are 2,249 centres teaching the course, 1,522 of them schools. By next autumn almost 250,000 teenagers between 16 and 18 will have chosen GNVQ.

Mr Payne says: "Some of the recruits are boys and girls who would have left to take vocational courses elsewhere, and a considerable proportion are choosing them instead of A levels."

Typical is 15-year-old Shaun Cousins, who is studying manufacturing at advanced level. He says: "I was not too keen on GNVQ at first, but when I got to know more about it I liked the idea of going out into a working environment. My parents thought it was more practical than A levels."

Kingham Hill, where fees are £8,763 a year, has always had a small sixth form of 15 to 20 pupils who are either retaking their GCSEs or studying A levels. Mr Payne hopes that the new vocational sixth form will attract more students both from the school and outside. The school has a strong design and technology department, and the governors looked at the possibility of offering a GNVQ based around it. It was decided that vocational courses should be offered in a number of subjects where A levels had been reduced. The school will now offer maths, the three sciences, economics and modern foreign languages in order to provide a rich mix in the sixth form.

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Richard Ryland, who hopes to start a GNVQ course this year at Kingham Hill, works on a lathe

The three courses being offered at advanced and intermediate level are manufacturing, business and tourism. Next year the school may add health and social care, and hospitality and catering. The range of more than 500 courses also includes art and design, the built environment, science, engineering and technology, distribution, information technology, media and communication, land-based occupations and management.

The advanced GNVQ is equivalent to studying two A-level subjects, and Kingham will require its students to pass at least four or five GCSE passes at Grade C. The one-year intermediate course is for students who have not reached this grade at GCSE, and is equivalent to four or five GCSEs at Grade C or above. It would allow pupils to move on to the advanced course.

All students will be able to retake GCSEs if required and the advanced students will also be able to take an appropriate A level. Mr Payne says: "They will be able to take an A level that complements their GNVQ so that they will leave here well equipped for university or their chosen career."

Although popular with students, the courses have faced criticism. A report from Ofsted, the Office for Standards in Education, says that the rate of improvement in the delivery of the courses has been too slow.

The standards of work in advanced level were usually on a par with two passes at A level, and a third of the work was good. Intermediate-level work was much more variable, with more than a third having more weaknesses than strengths, particularly in the new course of leisure and tourism.

The report says that schools need to plan carefully, give pupils sufficient time and develop teaching teams to include English, maths and information technology.

At Kingham Hill, the course coordinator, Robert Herringshaw, has been on a number of courses and will embark on another next term. Two new members of staff have been appointed, both with experience in industry and teaching. Both Mr Herringshaw and the head have visited schools and colleges which are teaching the courses successfully.

Mr Payne says: "The courses have to be academically rigorous. If they are not they will lose their value and the support of parents and universities."

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VIEWPOINT

Penelope Penney

How ironic, in the year of the *Panorama* programme "The Future is Female" and of excellent examination results at GCSE and Advanced Level that girls' schools should should risk further erosion. The benefits of girls-only schools are self-evident. Academic results are better and confidence is greater. But the most telling argument is that of opportunity. In a single-sex school, the needs and aspirations of girls are the main focus. All the A-level physicists, all those using the computers, all those in the sports teams are girls; and the leader in each case is a girl. This culture helps to develop the confidence that young women need before they enter a career world dominated by men. The time for co-education is at university level, when girls are ready to enter a new world on equal terms.

Dr Gerard McCrum who wrote a paper on arts entrants to universities, laments the decline in performance of girls from state schools; a decline that coincides with the loss of single-sex grammar schools and the movement of girls into mixed comprehensives. A temporal relationship does not, of course, imply a causal one. But Dr McCrum cites the detailed evidence in *How schools short-change girls*, the 1992 report of the American Association of University Women, which makes it clear that in mixed classes girls do not receive the same quality of education as boys.

Failing at Fairness, a report published last year, encapsulates 20 years of research in mixed classes in America. It makes the point with disturbing force. Unwitting teachers respond to the demands of more vocal boys, ignoring the less assertive girls, with serious consequences. "Each time the teacher passes over a girl to elicit the ideas and opinions of boys," it says, "that girl is conditioned to be silent and to defer. As teachers use their expertise to question, praise, probe, clarify, and correct boys, they help these male students sharpen ideas, refine their thinking... and [to] achieve more. When female students are offered the leftovers of teacher time and attention, morsels of amorphous feedback, they achieve less."

There are attitude differences, deeply ingrained, between girls and boys, which contribute to the picture. Girls attribute success to effort and failure to lack of ability — boys attribute success to ability, failure to lack of effort.

In girls' schools, girls have traditionally been encouraged to think of themselves as good at mathematics and science. In my own school, more than half the sixth form are taking a maths A level with a wide variety of other subjects: a similar number regularly take at least one science at A level. The pattern is repeated in girls' schools throughout the country.

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John O'Leary and Liz Gill on an increasingly lucrative field

Martin Amis is not the only writer whose six-figure advance has raised eyebrows in the publishing world in recent weeks. His earning power has been put in the shade by a Harvard professor commissioned to write a basic economics textbook.

Gregory Mankiw was offered $1.4 million (£930,000) by the Texas publishing firm of Harcourt Brace, which is looking for a successor to Paul Samuelson's *Economics*, a bestselling staple for generations of students. The windfall reflects frenzied competition in an increasingly lucrative field.

Professor Mankiw's advance is said to be three times as big as any in the American textbook market, dwarfing the sums offered to British authors. Its sheer size has highlighted changes in educational publishing.

Although the number of full-time educational writers can be counted in hundreds in Britain, expansion in universities and the narrowing of the schools market since the advent of the national curriculum have raised the financial stakes.

The market for school textbooks is substantial. The turnover was almost £174 million last year, with about 2,000 new titles and 700 new editions. Prices have risen sharply. Last year, the independent National Commission on Education reported that school books cost almost three and a half times as much in 1990 as they did a decade earlier. Taking this into account, expenditure per pupil fell by 17 per cent.

Customers' expectations are higher than ever, and books are more expensively produced as a result. Publishers have had to increase investment in pursuit of the elusive blockbuster, while fame, if not fortune, has become possible for a few authors.

David Crystal, whose *Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language*, is published later this year, is a case in point. The former Reading University Professor of Linguistics, who has been writing textbooks for more than a decade, will be propelled into the spotlight when the encyclopedia appears.

Mr Crystal has made a living from the sales of his books in schools and universities, and the rewards have been relatively modest: "I must have been one of the better-selling authors of my type, but I have never been offered anything remotely near £100,000, never mind $1 million."

Equally successful is Rod Hunt, a former primary school head teacher and author of Britain's most popular reading scheme. With more than 200 books to his name in the Oxford Reading Tree, he admits to living "very comfortably" from his royalties.

Like many authors, Mr Hunt's inspiration lay in dissatisfaction with books of the time. "My son was doing rather badly with this *Peter and Jane* book until he came to a page where there was a dramatic incident about a barn

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catching fire. At long last, he had found something exciting. It occurred to me that you could produce bite-sized stories children would want to learn."

The series, which combines lively stories with sparky characters and simple syntax, is now used by half the primary schools in England. But Mr Hunt is the exception, rather than the rule.

Most authors are still in the classroom. Those who dream of riches or retirement are likely to be disappointed. A big hit might make its creator £40,000 or £50,000, but most bring in only an extra thousand or two a year.

More likely, the response will be a rejection slip. Dominica de Rosa, commissioning editor in English at HarperCollins, receives dozens of unsolicited manuscripts. "I've never published one, though we may see a spark in someone which we can encourage, or an idea which we can develop. We find people by reputation, or word of mouth, even by a fellow editor hearing someone at their child's speech day."

Many of the big sellers, such as the Oxford University Press *GCSE Module Mathematics*, which sold 35,000 copies in 1993, are the work of more than one author. The growing trend in providing a complete course makes for a workload and demands breadth of expertise that is usually too much for an individual.

Dr Peter Jones, a Newcastle University classicist, led one such team producing *Reading Greek* for Cambridge University Press, which is thought to be the world's top seller in its subject. But its limited market restricts sales to 10,000 a year, bringing in £14,000 in royalties for the classics teachers' national association.

The moral for money-minded authors is: choose your subject carefully. Fiona Clarke, the managing director of OUP's educational division, says: "We rarely offer five-figure advances, but an author might make hundreds of thousands of pounds in royalties if a book takes off and has a long shelf-life. Many teachers prefer that sort of arrangement in any case."

English language teaching probably offers the greatest possibilities. Sales of OUP's *Headway* series are well over a million, and big names in the field, such as L.G. Alexander, have sold several times that number.

But there are more modest success stories in virtually every subject. Christopher Martin's *War Poems* anthology for HarperCollins, which includes exercises for schools, for example, has sold 52,000 copies in four years. Ms de Rosa says: "I think he hit on the only subject that doesn't put boys off poetry."

Peter Harland, director of Bookwatch, which monitors the book market, says: "If you are the author of, say, a study of *Middlemarch*, and you find it's on both the curriculum and television, then you're laughing. But examples like that are few and far between. You may do moderately well, but it will usually be as a supplement to your income, rather than turning you into a Jeffrey Archer."

For those who cherish such ambitions, Rod Hunt has some basic advice: "Try to write as a child might think. And sit down and do it. A lot of people talk about it, but never actually try."

SURESH KARADI



David Crystal: he will be propelled into the media spotlight

Could this be the end of the chapter?



The Ahlberg family

For the authors of children's books, the advent of government testing for seven-year-olds in 1991 was the literary equivalent of the National Lottery.

Suddenly, a handful of books were selected for teachers to use to test children's reading. Parents caught on quickly. Thousands embarked on a quest for the chosen texts to help to rehearse their children. Bookshops were besieged.

Initially, publishers were caught off guard. They failed to anticipate either the titles favoured by government advisers or their ensuing popularity. As a result, some were out of print and few were available in sufficient quantity to satisfy demand.

Philippa Milnes-Smith, editorial director of Puffin Books, describes the impact of the first booklist as extraordinary. Some titles put on nearly 30,000 sales almost overnight. Others were plucked from the obscurity of back catalogues to win reprints. She says: "The effect of the booklist is still noticeable as it ensures a steady sale of several thousand extra copies a year, but it is not as extraordinary as in 1991."

For bestselling children's authors such as Allan Ahlberg, who has five books on the current reading list, including *Each Peach Pear Plum*, selection simply bolstered already considerable earnings. But, according to Ms Milnes-Smith, inclusion was critical for lesser-known authors such as Irina Hale, underpinning the success of her paperback *The Lost Toys*.

The arrival of the national curriculum had a similar impact in schools. Trusty old textbooks became out-of-date at a stroke. Teachers sought replacements, aided by government grants totalling more than £45 million.

Publishers with their eye firmly on the new, national market created by the legal requirment that all schools cover the same academic ground, responded with heavy investment. Jeff Andrew, managing director of Longman Education, says: "Educational publishers have benefited from the focus that the national curriculum has given to schools."

But the initial flurry of activity has waned. Schools have become wary as the pressure on their budgets has begun to tell. The chances of many governing bodies allowing teachers to restock with books tailored to the revised curriculum being introduced in September are slim.

Mr Andrew maintains that in the current financial climate, there is only one likely winner when governors are given the choice of buying new books or saving a teacher's job. "We are concerned that without being given funding earmarked for spending on books, schools will not prioritise the new curriculum and will soldier on with books designed for the old one."

Publishers are quick to point to the problems caused by the unpredictability of a school market, which can switch from the bonanza at the turn of the decade, to the current difficulties. Fiona Clarke, managing director of the educational division of the Oxford University Press, says: "The last few years have been very up and down. A lot of books that used to sell very well year after year are no longer relevant and we have to produce new ones in no time at all."

The switchback is nowhere more apparent than in technology. The subject invented by Kenneth Baker, the author of government education reforms, was flagged as the cornerstone of the curriculum for the 1990s. But after a succession of changes it has been relegated to the second division, leaving publishers to count their losses. History and geography textbook sales were also badly affected by the uncertainty that surrounded the curriculum before Sir Ron Dearing took it by the scruff of the neck 18 months ago and produced the new, revised version.

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,079.20	Abbey Nat	463	+18	4.8	10.0
1,703.10	Allied Irish	269	+4	5.3	10.3
3,004.90	Aus New Z	222	-7	5.1	8.1
10,719.60	Bank America	3062¾	+68¾	...	...
2,570.30	Bank Scotland	219½	+8	3.0	12.4
10,126.80	Barclays	619	+21½	4.2	9.1
1,488.20	Bk of Ireland	313	+9	4.8	9.1
10,340.20	Citicorp	2656¼	-43¾	...	...
238.00	Close Bros	250	+4	4.0	11.3
4,224.30	Commerzbk	£129¾	-152⅛	6.9	...
34,215.50	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1089¾	-56¾	0.5	...
14,098.20	Deutsche Bk	£287¾	-185⅜	2.5	...
141.00	Espirito Santo	659¾	-3½	12.4	...
136.60	First Nat Fin	75	...	2.5	47.9
34,637.90	Fuji Bank Y	1195¾	-105¾	0.5	...
377.90	Hambros	214	-1	8.8	13.1
6,253.70	HSBC	734	+35½	4.7	9.0
12,665.10	HSBC HK	721½	+30½	4.8	8.8
20.30	Joseph (L)	383	...	5.8	11.1
871.80	Kleinwort Bent	653	+39	4.1	12.7
7,814.40	Lloyds	602¾	+25½	5.4	10.1
6,934.10	Nat Aust Bk	518	-5	6.5	9.0
9,020.20	Nat West	519	+18	5.2	8.4
117.50	Ottoman Bank	2350	-25	6.7	3.3
24.10	Rea Bros	58	...	2.0	16.2
3,368.40	Ryl Bk Scot	420	+6	4.1	12.0
1,530.00	Schroders	1539	+42	1.7	14.8
393.80	Schroders N/V	1358	+30	1.9	12.3
160.20	Singer & Fried	82½	+½	5.4	...
2,799.70	Stand Chart	289½	+11¼	3.5	8.7
3,712.70	TSB	242½	+1½	4.7	10.4
1,606.00	Warburg SG	730	+6	3.8	13.4
5,567.50	Wells Fargo	£109¾	-37½	2.9	...
4,103.30	Westpac	225	-8¼	2.4	...
17.90	Wintrust	210	+5	6.3	14.0

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
39.70	Ascot Hldgs	144			
4,593.80	Bass	525	+8½	5.0	13.0
305.20	Boddington	251	+8	4.4	12.9
33.70	Burtonwd Brw	162	-8	3.9	13.5
30.80	Eldridge P 'A'	149	-5	3.4	18.1
1,673.80	Fosters Brewing	52	-3	5.3	13.5
70.00	Fuller Smi 'A'	343	-5	2.9	14.2
694.90	Greenalls Grp	428	+23	3.8	14.1
209.90	Greene King	495	+23	3.3	13.5
51.40	Hardy Hanson	257	...	4.6	12.5
3.59	Heavitree	155	...	3.6	11.0
104.80	Holt J	3380	...	1.8	18.6
147.70	Mansfield	230	-1	2.5	14.1
265.60	Marston Thmp	284	+15	2.7	13.8
89.00	Morland	410	-10	3.3	12.7
9.44	Paramount	8	...	3.9	18.9
49.50	Regent Inns	337	+7	2.2	19.3
4,867.70	SA Breweries	1743¾	-25	1.6	28.0
2,744.80	Scot & New	514	+22	4.2	14.7
302.00	Vaux Group	216	+4	5.7	12.2
168.40	Wetherspoon JD	464	-34	1.9	21.3
2,882.00	Whitbread	550	+21	4.4	15.0
337.80	Wolvrhmptn D	508	+15	3.4	13.2
81.10	Yates Bros	287	+4	2.3	16.3
13.30	Young 'A'	460	-3	4.1	19.5

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
50.40	Abbey	130	...	5.0	9.5
49.40	Allen	153	+3	4.6	14.3
125.50	Amec	62	-4	6.0	35.8
23.60	Andrews Sykes	165			
130.10	Ashtead	428	+9	1.7	18.3
40.50	Avonside	93	-3	6.1	...
3.67	Bailey (Ben) Con	35	...	2.5	21.4
6.73	Barcom	38	-1	...	
321.20	Barratt Devs	176	-1	4.7	12.1
387.50	Beazer Homes	138	+5	4.9	10.8
192.70	Bellway	197	...	4.4	11.7
14.40	Bellwinch	32	...	0.8	17.2
277.40	Berkeley Gp	358	+9	2.5	11.4
26.10	Bett Bros	174	...	3.2	5.3
54.80	Bost (Henry)	210	...	4.0	11.0
20.30	Brandon Hire	124	+3	1.8	21.0
13.80	Br Bldg & Engr	123	+1½	8.1	17.0
356.90	Bryant	128	+½	4.9	12.1
47.70	CALA	411	+4	3.4	12.7
4.46	Campbell & Arm	31	+2		
6.64	Clarke T	54	+2	9.9	
7.50	Costain	14	+1		
73.30	Countryside	96	+2	5.5	12.1
76.30	Crest Nicholson	77	...	3.2	10.8
15.30	Cussins	85	+½	5.5	
12.70	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	0.8	
22.10	Eve Group	225	...	6.1	9.2
20.40	Galliford	23	...	5.4	
1.45	Gibbs & Dandy	86	-1	3.9	
95.10	Gleeson (MJ)	843	-20	2.1	16.0
5.85	Green (Ernst)	76	-1	9.6	22.7
51.90	Havelock Euro	199	+7	1.9	18.2
362.10	Hewden-Stuart	157½	+4	2.4	18.1
53.00	Higgs & Hill	80	-3	3.9	
4.45	Howard Hldgs	17	...	5.9	13.0
3.85	Jarvis	9			
58.20	Keller	104	+1	4.5	12.1
95.30	Laing (J)	208	+4	5.6	
34.70	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	86½	+½	9.2	...
10.60	Lon Clydesdale	117	...	5.7	12.4
15.90	Lovell (YJ)	40	+4	3.2	4.8
47.50	Maunders (J)	190	-2	3.7	10.3
96.70	McAlpine (A)	140	-8	5.8	20.5
50.20	McCarthy & S	51	-½	...	18.0
15.30	Morgan Sindall	53	-1	0.2	
144.90	Mowlem (J)	83	+1	3.1	41.6
214.90	Persimmon	184	+1½	6.5	11.7
17.80	Pochins	1712½	-87½	2.3	12.0
86.40	Prowting	111	...	4.1	16.9
47.00	Raine Indt	25	-1½	12.5	5.2
4.78	Secure Retire	46	-1	...	14.9
252.50	Redrow	114	-3	3.0	13.3
8.16	Sndbo-Rva	52	-3	1.8	24.5
38.70	Sherill Hldgs	365	...	2.0	15.2
5.67	Sherco	90	...	5.1	12.6
20.20	Smart (J)	200	...	5.3	21.0
97.90	Spandex	303	-5	1.0	
49.60	Tay Homes	170	-2	4.7	12.5
469.80	Taylor Woodrw	122	-1	1.8	29.8
158.90	Tilbury Dougls	470	...	9.2	
8.91	Torex Hire	54	+2	3.0	18.9
13.10	Try Group	19	-1	6.8	26.0
48.00	Vibroplant	104	...	4.5	18.7
65.90	Wardhomes	106	+1	5.8	11.4
27.90	Ward Hldgs	53	+1	3.5	
93.20	Westbury	140	+3	4.8	12.7
19.70	Wiggins	4			
288.10	Wilson (C)	151	-1	3.8	10.9
306.40	Wilson Bowdn	326	+6	3.9	11.8
469.30	Wimpey G	130	+7½	5.3	16.1

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.44	Albrighton	7½	-½	8.3	12.7
103.80	Alumasc	335	...	2.5	18.8
20.30	Amberley Gp	47	-1	3.3	24.2
1,407.50	BPB Ind	281	+7	3.7	14.4
51.40	Baggeridge Brk	127	+2	3.1	13.1
149.70	Bardon	27	...	9.3	...
13.70	Blockleys	55	-4	2.0	
2,099.50	Blue Circle	288	+4	4.9	20.5
20.70	Breedon PLC	73	...	7.9	28.9
23.10	Br Dredging	132	...	5.3	15.9
1,253.40	CRH	356	+6	2.9	...
2.46	Caledonian Rby	41	...	4.4	
107.10	Capet	198	+4	6.9	
1,584.70	Caradon	265	+4	4.2	17.6
234.90	Caradon pf	130½	+1	6.9	
2.67	Chelfield Grp	31	...	12.1	11.5
1.73	Dyson (J&JR)	105	...	4.2	15.8
8.63	Dyson 'A'	63	...	6.9	9.5
18.30	Eclipse Blinds	13	+¼		
63.70	Epwin	295	+1	3.6	
29.00	Erith	80	-1	4.8	
187.90	Graham Grp	184	-3	4.0	
98.80	Halstead (J)	326	+6	2.9	15.0
709.60	Hepworth	292	+6	6.6	13.1
7.44	Hewetson	80	...	2.3	13.9
7.56	Hewitt (J)	74	-3	3.0	
246.50	Heywd Wllms	257	+12	7.0	11.8
301.60	Ibstock	80½	-½	1.6	
28.70	Johnston	271	...	2.1	32.5
24.40	Lilleshall	86	+1	7.0	10.3
390.20	Marley	136	...	4.4	11.7
162.80	Marshalls	133	+8	4.2	11.8
388.40	Meyer Int	308	-1	4.4	12.0
202.10	Newman Tnks	167	+6	6.2	
138.10	Norcros	79	...	11.1	15.0
5.57	Phoenix Timber	16			
1,350.30	Pilkington	169	-3	3.0	32.6
214.80	Polypipe	137	+3	2.2	14.4
1,948.30	RMC Gp	989	+22	2.7	20.4
1.92	Ramus	8			
2,367.30	Redland	457	+13	6.8	21.2
17.20	Rockel	115	...	4.7	
770.20	Rugby Group	121	+6	3.8	14.7
20.90	Russell (A)	90	+1	3.1	18.5
179.40	SIG	222	-2	3.4	
2.76	SWP	11	-1½	2.3	
37.00	Sharpe & Fisher	176	+1	3.1	12.9
179.00	Servig Ram	39½	-½	1.6	
1,032.20	Tarmac	112	...	6.1	
16.90	Tilon	155	...	3.6	12.5
297.80	Travis Perkins	290	+8	4.0	
3.05	Tudor	28	...	1.1	
12.30	Ungroup	39			
0.95	Wallerbourse	38			
402.40	Wickes	108	+2	2.1	19.3
2,062.50	Wolseley	375	+7½	3.0	13.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
13.80	Anglo Utd	1½	...		
14.30	App Holo	85			
4.12	Bailey (CH)	7½			
10.40	Black Arrow	42	...	9.2	8.7
2.85	Br Bloodstock	73	...		85.5
3.29	Card Gp	54	...		16.0
1.79	Chemex	4½	-1½	2.8	14.1
15.90	Cosalt	138	...	7.2	9.3
57.80	Filofax	218	...	1.2	18.7
4.67	Headway	29	...	3.0	22.6
61.30	Hozelock	257	+8	3.6	12.7
90.40	Leigh	137	-5	7.1	12.7
39.30	Nobo Grp	222	...	3.5	14.4
135.40	Photo-Me	223	-1	2.7	21.6
18.50	Plant & Gen	57	+3	3.8	
11.80	Rodime	8	+½		
162.10	Shanks & McEwan	88	+10	3.0	
35.50	Sinclair (Wm)	183	-2	5.6	13.2
1,020.10	Waste Mgt Ind	272	-16	...	

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
639.40	Allied Colloids	121	+2	2.5	17.1
30.60	Amber Ind	783	...	3.4	15.5
7,387.70	BASF DM	£136¾	-975	3.5	
3,353.00	BOC	700	-3	4.4	16.7
409.70	BTP	257	+4	5.3	14.5
10,529.80	Bayer DM50	£151¼	-197¼	3.8	...
76.70	Blagden	186	+2	1.8	49.6
73.00	Brent Chemical	109	+1	4.9	
542.30	Br Vita	249	-4	3.9	18.6
5.23	Cambridge Iso	40	+6		
58.70	Canning (W)	211	+5	4.5	
1,817.50	Courtaulds	451	+10	4.1	30.8
479.60	Croda	362	+7	3.0	15.5
17.60	Dealfex	169	+26	4.7	
30.50	Euro Colour	79	-2	2.7	22.9
10.60	Gibbon	117	-1	5.9	10.8
235.40	Hickson	134	+3	7.5	12.0
7,591.90	Hoechst	£128¼	-434¼	4.9	...
201.60	Holliday Chem	194	...	3.3	
6,327.30	ICI	722	+27½	4.6	33.3
186.10	Kalon	139	...	4.1	
1,331.80	Laporte	684	+40½	4.0	15.1
29.70	MTM	80	...	2.3	
123.90	Manders	312	+9	4.5	
71.20	McLeod Russel	118	+3	6.6	12.9
9.68	Macrotec	41	-1	10.5	5.5
21,360.10	Montedison	401¼	-20¼	4.5	20.0
46.80	Porvair	302	+2	3.0	20.8
484.50	Scapa	204	+1	3.6	18.6
10.20	Smallbone Spcl	18	...	4.9	10.7
6,310.70	Takeda Chem	721½	-13¼	1.4	8.7
67.60	Wardle Storeys	345	...	6.2	19.2
44.40	Wellington Hldg	188	-¼	3.7	
65.90	Wassmore R	756	-10	3.5	
156.20	Yorks Chem	341	+1	3.2	15.3
237.20	Yule Catto	297	-3	3.6	18.0

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
35.10	ABI Leis	93	...	5.5	10.7
56.50	Acal	293	-1	3.0	15.9
23.40	Adam & Harvey	545	...	3.6	6.8
6.65	Alexanders	16½	-½	7.6	7.9
66.40	Appleyard	100	+5	7.5	
9.85	Ass Br Eng	3¼	...	1.7	26.8
140.20	BSS Group	536	+3	4.3	18.9
7.43	Beating Power	21	...	6.0	10.8
1.28	Begood 'A'	26	...	3.4	11.0
156.70	Brammer	348	...	4.7	19.4
3.30	Bridgend Gp	12	-½	2.1	62.4
21.90	Bril Fdings	92	-1	3.1	...
12.30	Brown & Tawse	38	+3		
35.90	Burndene	34	-3	7.1	
7.78	Callyns	335	-5	6.1	38.6
14.60	Cashal Plc	15½	-1½	8.9	8.6
9.58	Central Mkt	70	...	4.9	45.6
15.40	Cook (DC)	36	...	4.0	11.0
404.10	Cowie	251	+6	4.5	10.8
30.50	Dag Motors	126	...	6.4	14.5
25.70	Denmans El	583	-5	1.5	14.4
232.00	Diploma	415	-2	4.1	14.6
1,059.90	Electrocomponts	504	+12	2.5	20.7
39.50	Electron Housat	155	...	2.9	13.0
198.70	Ellis & Everard	238	-1	4.1	15.8
96.50	Eurodollar	197	+4	5.4	15.4
52.50	European Mtr	98	+7	5.8	10.6
130.30	Evans Halshaw	376	+6	5.1	
736.30	Farnell Elect	545	+4	1.8	22.4
6.52	File Indms	53	...	7.4	
21.50	Gardiner	20	+1	5.0	
4.05	Glanchester	18	...	...	17.7
6.46	Gowrings	71	...	3.5	21.5
26.80	Hallan Hldgs	72	+9	1.8	13.5
18.00	Harris (Philip)	167	...	5.1	14.6
134.00	Henlys	281	+1	3.8	13.0
2.58	Holders Tech	83	-4	9.5	
38.30	ISA Intl	96	...	2.5	
1,581.00	Inchcape	300	-4	6.2	10.0
5.26	Jacks (Wm)	58	...		13.4
248.40	Kwik-Fit	144	-1	3.9	
307.60	Lex Service	323	+24	5.4	17.2
32.20	Lookers	185	-1	5.7	9.1
22.90	Malaya Grp	14	...	2.2	
36.80	Middlesex	6½	+¼		
40.60	Norbain	390	+10	0.7	17.4
14.10	Northamber	83	-3	2.0	35.3
13.40	PCT	152	...	6.1	14.7
88.10	Pendragon	232	...	4.5	
35.30	Perry Gp	138	+11	7.0	
30.80	Quicks Group	134	-1	4.9	14.1
14.70	REA	161	+1	4.7	33.3
4.87	Reece	2¾			
6.31	Ross Gp	4½	+1½	5.6	
37.70	SEP Inds	46½	+½	2.8	16.5
15.20	TLS Range	42	+1	3.0	16.9
120.50	Time Products	227	...	4.8	15.3
82.40	Vardy (Reg)	178	+1	3.7	13.3
34.50	Wholesale Fitgs	243	...	6.0	21.7
22.80	Wills Gp	13	+½	4.9	7.2
58.30	Wilson	70½	-¾	1.2	23.7
31.90	Wyko	66	...	1.9	23.8
12.10	Young (H)	73	...	6.2	13.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
124.10	Adwest	151	...	6.2	15.4
408.60	Antofagasta	289	+7	1.9	22.1
15.70	Arwood	43	...	5.4	8.9
13,718.90	Broken Hill	828	-37	2.4	18.1
11,859.90	BTR	326	+12¾	5.1	15.0
13,662.10	BAT	443	+23½	6.2	11.8
351.40	Berisford Intl	233	-1	0.3	61.7
128.10	Bibby (J)	82	-1	4.6	15.2
1,072.10	Brierley Inv	41¼	-3¼	10.0	2.4
884.70	Charter	798	+18	3.8	16.5
1,368.50	Cookson	202	-1½	4.3	20.3
12,323.30	Hanson	238	+4	6.3	14.9
1,078.00	Harrisn Crsfld	153	+6	7.4	17.4
9,622.70	Hutch Whamp	265¾	-7¼	2.8	
3,901.20	Jardine Math	543	-19	2.7	12.5
5.04	Jourdan (T)	28	...	4.5	27.8
1,132.70	Lonrho	148½	+3	3.8	28.8
39.60	Porter Chadburn	42	+1		
402.80	Powell Duffryn	470	+6	8.8	13.2
29.30	Ropner	127	+3	8.4	
961.70	Rolinsons	483	+16	5.0	23.4
34.60	Suter	14	-½		5.4
3,643.60	Sime Darby	144	-2	3.0	18.5
195.60	Staveley	171	+5	8.2	52.7
187.80	Suter	155½	+1½	7.6	
382.80	TT Group	344	+16	2.8	14.9
2,813.20	Tomkins	238	+7	4.1	15.3
635.70	Trafalgar H	59	+2½	2.1	
57.40	Unitare	295	...	8.0	
474.50	Wassall	246	-3	2.1	
13.40	Waveyt	9½	...		
1,942.10	Williams Hldg	336	+15	5.1	16.0

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,192.70	East Midlands	617	+14	5.6	25.9
1,450.00	Eastern Elec	580	+6	5.3	12.7
1,216.00	London Elec	616	+17	5.0	9.4
748.80	Manweb	650	+5	6.2	7.8
1,153.70	Midlands Elec	605	-20	5.1	9.3
5,099.80	National Power	430	-5	4.6	11.8
819.50	Northern Elec	735	+8	5.6	7.6
535.00	Nthn Ireland	325	-2	4.6	8.9
981.20	Norweb	631	-13	4.9	7.6
3,407.50	PowerGen	470	-3	4.0	10.1
1,170.60	Hydro-Elect	305	...	5.3	9.6
2,611.20	Scottish Power	320	-4	5.0	10.1
876.70	Seeboard	358	+4	4.3	9.8
590.40	Sth Wales	639	-17	5.7	8.7
712.20	Sth Western	637	...	4.9	8.9
1,666.70	Southern Elec	615	+2	4.8	8.9
1,167.90	Yorkshire Elec	630	-33	5.5	10.8

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
77.30	Acorn Comp	86	+2¼		
71.40	Admiral	626	+3½	1.6	
96.80	Alba	205	-1	3.1	16.0
197.70	Amstrad	170	+7½	1.8	...
33.80	Arlen	32	-1		
250.00	Astec	61	+½	1.4	16.6
25.70	Aston	118	-1	3.2	9.5
1,194.50	BICC	338	+2	4.7	16.9
24.80	Bates Hunter	234	-1	5.3	12.6
17.00	Berkeley Bus	6½	+		
141.20	Bicc	463	+5	3.1	19.8
569.20	Bowthorpe	300	-3	2.9	17.2
4.81	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½	...	1.7	10.8
34.40	CML Micro	185	...	4.1	11.8
11.50	Chamel Hldgs	32	-1	4.9	9.1
47.30	Chloride	19½	...	0.6	54.6
11.30	Clayhithe	61	...	5.5	
14.80	Copymore	140	...	3.8	
363.20	Cray Elect	153	+5	2.0	17.8
65.50	Crossley	468	+1	2.3	19.7
773.80	Danka Bs Sys	406	+11	0.5	29.8
682.40	Delta	465	+9¼	4.2	16.8
137.80	Domino	530	+14	2.3	15.8
97.90	Dowding Mills	66	...	5.0	21.1
95.40	Druck	1490	-5	0.9	25.3
2,104.70	Electrolux 'B'	3353¾	-75	3.6	
32.50	Eraoss	30½	...	0.4	
7,579.20	Ericsson 'B'	3819¾	-75	1.2	
31.20	Eurocopy	64	...	3.9	12.8
371.50	Eurotherm	416	...	1.7	21.5
332.90	Fairey Group	407	+8	2.2	
22.40	Forward Gp	273	+5	2.5	16.9
20.70	Forward Tech	61	+4	4.2	
8,119.30	GEC	296	+7	4.6	14.5
219.30	Gestetner	111	...	2.9	
89.00	Graseby	138	-6	6.2	
47.90	Ind Control	120	-6½	5.2	10.7
128.10	Kenwood App	279	+25	4.1	13.8
451.90	Kershaw (AY)	1300	...	3.2	9.8
5.79	Koda	61	+8		
2.79	LPA Ind	31	-1	6.5	22.0
54.90	MTL Inst	305	+6½	1.9	
129.90	Memec-Swt	264	...	2.1	18.5
23.90	Microvitec	32½	-½	1.6	
306.10	Mitel	290	+8	...	
3.30	Pacer Systems	68	...	6.0	
100.40	Peek	84	+7	5.2	
6,774.70	Philips Lmp nv	2003¾	-171¼	2.5	
28.10	Prelude	293	-1	2.0	18.7
18.80	Pico 'A' Vtg	273	-3	2.1	17.4
6.44	Plasmec	137	+18	3.7	14.0
38.50	Pressac	104	+6	3.4	20.0
9.77	Prestwick	24			
62.10	Psion	270	...	1.6	
678.10	Racal Elect	342	+10	2.3	19.9
8.86	Radamec	48	+2	4.9	13.2
121.70	Rotork	225	+6¼	2.7	
5.79	Scantronic	11	-1		
26.20	Silvermines	41	...	2.5	24.3
5.76	Soundtracs	57	...	5.5	13.0
66.70	Stan Bus	69	+6	6.7	4.5
2.00	TDS Circuits	9½			
3,562.90	TDK	2708¾	-31¼	1.3	
56.00	Tadpole Tech	224	+30		
53.10	Telemetrix	58	-2¼	2.6	
17.80	TGI	83	-1	3.4	15.5
133.10	Telspec	430	+45	1.1	
29.70	Thorpe FW	236	+10	1.7	17.3
256.40	TLG	144	...	3.0	20.7
3.03	Total Systems	30	-1	...	31.2
78.30	Tunstall	238	...	2.0	16.0
256.30	Unitech	372	-4	3.3	18.7
19.90	Verity	8½	...		22.8
97.80	Volex	369	+1	6.2	15.4
13.60	Wakebourne	62			
72.20	Whitecroft	164	...	2.7	18.0

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
26.30	AIM	185	-3	3.0	
199.50	APV	67½	+4½	5.9	
142.00	ASW	184	+5	4.1	
18.80	Aero Hamble	33	...	14.2	3.3
6.46	Aerospace Engr	16	+1	5.9	
40.60	Alvis	73	+6	1.7	
35.00	Ash & Lacy	133	...	6.0	13.7
57.50	Atlas Equip	553	...	5.0	18.4
12.50	Avesta Metal	125	+2	1.5	15.3
198.70	Babcock	23½	-3		
58.80	BM	123	...	6.8	18.9
119.70	Baynes (Charles)	83	...	3.1	17.6
13.40	Beaufort	30	+1½	1.1	9.4
1.92	Bilsam (J)	120	...	5.7	
183.00	Bodycote	316	+2	2.1	21.6
2.82	Booth Inds	73			
11.50	Brasway	14½	...	4.6	13.7
80.70	Bridon	141	-1	3.6	13.8
2,099.50	Br Aerospace	494	-6	2.5	20.4
3,107.70	Br Steel	154	-7½	2.8	18.6
81.80	Bromsgrove Indt	85	-2	6.2	14.3
4.56	Brooke Tool	12	-½	1.0	27.8
50.70	Brunel	43½			
192.40	Bullough	159	-2	4.8	16.4
27.10	Burnfield	79	+6½	4.4	14.3
12.10	CI Group	14	...	2.7	
149.00	Carclo Eng	243	+2	5.3	14.8
66.00	Castings	155	+2	2.3	19.0
10.80	Chamberlin Hill	150	...	5.6	9.5
77.30	Chemring	333	+3	3.7	15.6
12.30	Clyde Blowers	156	-9	3.8	
234.70	Cobham	318	+3	3.1	15.5
4.06	Cohen (A)	508	...	0.8	
97.40	Concentric	179	+4	4.3	14.1
46.30	Cook (Wm)	210	-4	4.5	9.9
117.70	David Brown	195	+2	4.2	13.8
126.80	Dobson Park	81	+4	5.8	15.0
152.80	EIS	333	...	4.7	13.4
33.50	Elliott (B)	95	+1	2.6	14.2
56.20	Expamet	89	...	4.3	
894.80	FKI	155	+9	3.4	17.9
88.40	Fenner	128	...	7.5	59.6
3.98	Ferrum	16			
32.10	GEI Intl	87	...	3.6	15.9
4.98	Gartan Eng	131	+14	5.4	
648.70	Glynwed	311	+8	5.1	14.8
33.50	Graceiona	12	...	2.5	10.1
68.10	Haden MacLn	62	+2	4.3	
10.90	Hadleigh	152	+2	2.1	17.3
48.50	Hall Engr	152	+5	6.6	
377.40	Halma	189	+1½	1.7	20.4
29.10	Hampson Ind	47	-1	5.5	8.8
3.00	Hay (Norman)	30	-4		
41.60	Hill & Smith	125	...	6.2	17.2
44.50	Hopkinsons	57	...	2.9	
11.70	How Gp	29	...	3.3	
237.20	Howden	81½	+3½	3.9	13.2
185.60	Hunting	170	+1	7.4	24.3
999.40	IMI	306	+8	4.4	18.0
59.70	Johnson & FB	42½			
997.40	Johnson Matth	520	+4	2.9	19.4
7.45	Jones Stroud	29			
9.61	Kelsey Ind	310	...	5.2	14.5
27.40	Linear	288	+5	3.2	15.8
4.20	Lucker (T) A	14	+2½	3.6	
49.10	ML Hldgs	31	-2	3.4	10.8
5.75	MS Intl	21	...	8.9	12.7
26.40	Mang Bronze	160	+5	3.6	13.4
406.00	McKechnie	416	+18	4.4	24.5
173.30	Meggitt	80	+1	6.1	12.9
96.40	Metab	106	-2	4.8	
20.30	Metsec	131	...	2.9	18.2
180.20	Molins	530	+26	4.1	
692.40	Morgan Cble	316	+7	5.1	15.3
25.60	Morris Ashby	219	+23	3.5	15.8
7.87	Neepsend	32	...	4.9	18.1
17.10	Neutronics	66	...	3.2	18.3
1.86	Newmark (L)	40			
10.80	OMI Intl	15	-½	14.8	66.0
154.90	Oxford Inst	318	-1	2.0	18.7
218.40	Powerscreen	247	-2	3.8	10.4
38.20	Prospect Indust	12½	+½	8.3	6.5
0.99	Radical Metal	13			
27.90	Ransomes	48	-3		
27.30	Record	82	...	5.7	
156.00	Renishaw	290	+2	2.8	23.0
127.00	Renold	191	...	2.0	26.5
4.20	Richards (Leics)	50	...	5.6	35.8
24.20	Richardson West	67	-3	6.5	
2,012.30	Rolls-Royce	164	+7	3.8	24.8
142.00	Rotork	162½	-2½	3.4	16.6
36.10	Rubicon	155	...	3.9	25.3
221.40	Senior Eng	73½	...	5.8	12.0
26.70	Servomex	267	+1	3.1	39.5
2,409.60	Siebe	563	+18	2.5	18.1
125.10	Simon Eng	80			
43.70	Sp Hundred	81	+1	2.3	28.0
891.60	SKF 'B'	1084¾	-37½	3.4	
1,438.00	Smiths Ind	479	+19	3.4	18.4
371.10	Spirax-Sarco	477	+42	3.1	18.8
66.60	Sterling Ind	338	+4	3.7	15.4
1,694.20	TI	362	+7	4.1	18.7
7.18	Tasley (E)	97	...	7.2	13.2
50.20	Transfer Tech	52	-4	7.9	7.4
83.30	Triplex Lloyd	128	...	6.8	
31.30	Utd Inds	14	...	0.9	
583.70	VSEL	1536	-4	2.9	14.4
17.70	Vacon	12	-½	...	
590.20	Vickers	179	...	3.3	17.3
110.80	Victaulic	250	+7	4.4	
11.20	Wiles Grp	9½			
221.70	Vielen	538	+32	2.1	
236.70	Vosper Thorny	742	-3	3.2	16.1
213.80	Wagon Ind	458	+8	5.0	23.1
459.20	Weir	233	-5	3.8	17.5
48.60	Wellman	40	...	3.1	63.3
103.70	Whatman	461	...	3.2	
36.10	Whessoe	122	...	2.4	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8.28	AAF Inds	36	...		
13.30	Airflow Stream	157	...	3.2	15.4
118.50	Avon Rubber	444	-1	4.6	16.0
785.80	BBA	192½	+2½	3.1	
188.30	BSG	64½	+6¼	6.5	
12.20	Benson Group	8½	...	5.1	11.7
47.20	Bostrom	239	+1	2.5	17.1
11.90	Boustead	18	-1	6.9	
34.70	Caverdale	11½	+1	1.6	11.9
34.70	ERF	354	-1	1.4	
61.10	First Tech	394	...	1.7	22.7
2,115.00	GKN	609½	+22	4.4	18.5
18,474.10	General Mtr	2600	-31¼	1.9	...
9,441.50	Honda Motor	989¾	-3¼	0.5	
457.00	Laird	323	+7	4.2	15.8
7.20	Loades	360			
1,566.60	Lucas	196	-2	4.5	
122.50	Mayflower	61½	+3½	2.8	25.0
36.70	Midstates	70			
28.20	Syltone	167	...	3.8	18.5
841.90	T & N	159	-3	4.8	
189.60	Trinity Hldgs	330	+1	2.4	23.9

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,695.50	AB Food	599	+10	3.3	12.4
134.60	Acatos & Hutch	243	-1	4.6	9.2
288.20	Albert Fisher	42	+1	11.0	12.4
17.20	Banic (S C)	300	...	6.1	9.3
64.60	Barr (AG)	338	+4	2.9	14.0
9.67	Bensons Crsp	19	-2		
885.30	Booker	394	+8	7.0	14.5
20.40	Borthwick	35	...	4.6	18.6
21.00	CPL Aromas	193	...	1.9	18.4
3,918.70	Cadbury-Schw	452½	+5	4.4	14.0
16.90	Carrs Milling	245	-2	3.2	11.1
23.70	Cranswick	169	...	6.1	12.3
13.50	Dalepak	116	+2	2.2	
974.80	Dalgety	424	+14	6.5	11.6
3.24	Daniels S	39	-5	0.3	
320.60	Devro	237½	+21½	3.8	
20.30	Everest	80	-3½	4.2	19.8
1.31	Farmington	5			
64.80	Finlay (James)	65	-1	8.0	8.8
15.20	Global	12	...	5.6	
18.60	Grand Central	47	-2		
358.20	Greencore	420	-2	3.1	11.0
225.60	Hazlewood Fds	97	-7	8.6	6.1
1,257.40	Hillsdown	181	+7	6.6	11.8
103.50	Hobson	26½	+1		
27.80	JLI Group	65	-2	9.3	9.2
54.30	Linton Park	326	...	6.5	9.8
140.00	Matthews (B)	113	+10	3.5	
400.90	Man ED & F	158	+3	6.9	8.6
87.70	Nichols (JN)	221	-7	3.9	
1,116.50	Ntm Foods	194	-12	5.7	10.0
6.11	Nthmbrn Fd	10	+1	...	19.4
1.93	Pascoe's	12			
76.50	Perkins Food	62	-1½	9.0	
56.60	SeaPerfect	115	+2		
4.21	Sentry Farm	98	+5	2.9	9.9
25.20	Sims Food	73	...	12.8	
1,724.80	Tate & Lyle	440	+11½	4.1	9.1
23.90	Tavit	249	-1	2.3	17.5
884.40	Unigate	377	+9	5.8	10.3
9,894.10	Unilever	1214	+7	2.8	
12,861.90	Unilever (NV)	8006¼	-68¼	3.1	
1,797.10	Utd Biscuits	341	+4	5.8	14.3
14.80	West Trust	35	...	8.9	24.5
36.00	Yorkshire Food	81	-1	5.4	17.9

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
387.50	AAH	431	-1	5.2	15.1
486.30	Amersham	857	+22	2.3	18.0
30.90	Amagen	45	-2		
30.30	Assoc Nursg	185	-1	1.5	10.8
77.20	Bespak	305	+2	4.3	15.6
25.00	Care UK	62			
48.00	Celsis	80			
40.50	Cortecs	37	+6		
69.40	Community Ht	209	+5	4.8	12.0
37.90	CrestaCare	30½	-½	3.2	
21.30	Enviromed	83	-16	2.4	10.6
7.52	Ferraris Group	69	+2	4.1	9.5
62.20	Goldsborough	142	...	2.9	12.7
16.70	Greenacre	8¼	...	4.5	12.6
143.90	Huntleigh Tec	505	...	1.3	23.5
14.80	Inoscan Care Grp	52	...	8.4	9.4
31.60	Isotron	253	-2	2.5	15.6
238.50	Life Sciences	136	+3	4.0	
334.90	Lon Intl	99	+3		
31.40	Nestor-BNA	42	...	9.4	10.4
2.92	Premier Health	1			
32.20	Quality Care	230	...	2.4	11.4
94.80	Scholl	140	...	5.7	13.4
148.60	Seton Health	359	+2	2.4	18.3
7.44	Shield Diag	40			
1,818.20	Smith & Neph	166½	+7	4.0	
1.72	Spooklinyer	11			
258.10	Talaret	286	+7½	1.4	
436.60	UniChem	254	+8	3.6	12.9
157.90	West Hillcare	309	-3	2.0	16.2

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
45.40	Airsprung	190	...	3.2	12.3
8.25	BLP Group	125	...	1.0	34.3
2.60	Bilston Btrsea	31	+2		
27.90	Cowell Plc 'A'	69	+3¼	7.8	
7.36	Creighton Nt	160	...	6.0	11.3
48.40	Derby Group	145	+2	2.7	15.8
6.47	Gaskell	132	-1	4.0	
7.85	Lionheart	4	...	6.2	
37.80	Maybom	190	+17	4.3	
131.00	Ollame Intl	245	+2	5.4	11.1
23.70	Osborne & Little	389	-7	2.4	11.8
100.00	Paterson Zch	410	-12	4.3	12.5
85.80	Paterson Zch 'A'	373	-10	4.7	11.4
2,707.20	Reckitt Colm	640	+25	3.7	55.4
59.00	Relyon	277			
71.50	Silentnight	154	+2	6.5	9.7
18.90	Stoddard	28½	...	7.0	10.7
11.30	Tomkinsons	182	-4	7.9	
8.50	Victoria Carpet	125	...	6.5	7.1
124.00	Walker Greenbk	107	+1	4.2	19.7
375.60	Wilford Wdgwd	53	+2	1.9	
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	156	...	3.5	

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
603.20	Alex & Alex	1375	...	4.8	
4,093.60	Am Gen	1956¼	-68¼	4.0	
53.30	Angerstein	79	+1	3.2	66.1
22.30	Archer	61	...	2.0	
52.30	Bradstock	86	...	8.3	9.7
957.50	Britannic	505	-7	3.5	
79.00	CLM Insce	87	+1	3.0	
3,627.60	Com Union	548	+11¼	6.1	10.6
42.90	Delian	83½	-1½	2.2	
94.20	Dom & Genl	1385	+62½	2.6	14.8
65.90	FBD IE	163	-1½	4.2	7.6
51.60	Fenchurch Grp	143	-2	7.0	9.5
26.10	Finsbury Under	87	...	2.8	56.1
2,663.60	Gen Accident	588	+32	6.4	8.4
1,651.90	GRE	189	+13	5.5	
54.80	HCG Lloyds	84	+1	1.9	70.8
151.60	Heath C E	230	+1	8.7	
108.50	Hibernian IE	210	-4½	4.8	
27.90	Hiscox Select	93	-½	3.3	36.5
121.90	Independent	272	-3	4.5	
558.20	Irish Life	184	...	6.4	17.2
156.50	JIB Group	124	+3	7.9	
27.30	Kiln Capital	101	...	5.0	
2,366.70	Legal & Gen	483	+11	5.8	20.7
3,748.50	Liberty Life	1553¼	-9¼	8.2	
264.60	London Ins Mkt	94½	+1	2.6	32.9
117.30	Lloyd Thom	151	...	6.5	16.0
2,536.90	Lloyds Abbey	365	+3	6.7	12.3
82.90	Lombard Ins	333	...	4.1	22.3
405.00	Londn & Man	335	-6	6.0	18.7
264.60	London Ins Mkt	94½	+1	2.8	32.9
88.00	Lowndes Lmb	145	-2½	6.7	8.9
2,787.30	Marsh McLn	5137¾	-75	9.5	
35.10	Masthead	87	+4		
75.90	Nelson Hurst	168	-1	5.0	
41.40	New London Cap	69	+3	1.9	
17.70	Octavian	35	...	10.7	
26.60	Oriel	97	-3	6.4	
13.70	Premiere Tost	69	+1	5.7	26.2
12.10	Premium Under	32	...	3.3	
6,197.30	Prudential	326	+5	5.7	14.8
6.22	PWS	20	+6	3.8	
504.30	Refuge	321	-1½	4.8	
1,900.90	Royal	292	-1	5.1	5.5
830.10	Sedgwick	152	-1	5.3	15.5
54.20	Steel Burrill	113	+1	10.5	8.4
2,681.10	Sun Alliance	331	+19	5.3	11.1
23.70	Syndicate Cap	73	...	2.1	58.2
131.60	Trade Indemnity	72	...	1.8	
1,003.30	Transatlantic	332	+9	5.0	
474.00	Utd Friendly	578	-15	3.7	29.7
590.80	Willis Corroon	141	-3	5.9	
7.10	Windsor	21	+1	3.0	7.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,108.20	3i	361	+4	2.6	
32.20	Abtrust Emerg	64½	+1	0.4	
23.70	Abtrust High Inc	76	+2	9.2	
65.10	Abtrust N Dawn	197	-1½	0.6	
914.30	Alliance	1814	+29	3.5	
216.30	American Trust	260	+10	2.7	
462.50	Anglo & O'seas	405	+4	2.3	
35.60	Baillie Gifford SN	124	-3½		
279.20	Bankers	180	+5	2.8	
42.40	Barng Em Eu	34¼	-½	0.4	
159.30	Barng Tribune	310½	+½	2.7	
11.20	Berry Starqt	216	+¼	1.3	
280.70	Br Assets	87	+1½	6.2	
114.10	Br Empire Sec	85½	+½	1.4	
3.59	Br Empire Wts	27	+½		
642.70	Br Inv	206	+3	3.0	
51.80	Brazilian	82¾	-5	0.4	
139.20	Brunner	217½	+4½	3.2	
62.50	BZW Conv	122	-1½	8.0	
82.90	Candover	370	+3	4.1	
74.00	Central Euro Gwth	37	-1	1.5	
32.20	Chns & Eastern	158	+4	2.8	
35.70	Contl Asset	163	-3	2.3	
5.54	Dante Inv Inc	76	...	13.1	
46.00	Derby Cap	300	+12		
18.40	Derby Inc	156	...	13.5	
6.82	Drayton Blue	54	+1	19.4	
45.10	Drytn Eng Inty	92	-1	1.1	
156.60	Drytn Far East	135½	+3	0.6	
202.90	Dunedin Inc Gt	634	+12¾	5.2	
15.90	Dundee Japan	78½	+¼		
50.70	Dunedin Smlr	302	+3	3.7	
2.24	Dunedin Wts	28			
235.50	Dunedin Wrlde	703	+14	1.7	
242.50	Edin Dragon	91¼	-½		
22.80	Edinburgh Inca	27¾	+½	0.2	
857.90	Edinburgh	232	+6	3.8	
13.40	EFM Japan	134	-1½		
560.80	Elecra Inv	324	+9	2.8	
169.50	Electric Gen	187½	+3½	2.2	
7.86	Eng & Caledon	175	+1	2.9	
1.57	English Scots	119	+4		
68.60	European Assets	275	-2	2.3	
80.50	Fidlty Euro Valt	154½	+2¼	0.2	
72.70	Fidly Jap Val	69	+½	0.2	
23.80	Finsbury 'A'	149	...	2.7	
5.39	First Spanish	62	...	0.5	
192.20	Fleming Amert	268½	+7½	0.7	
37.10	Fleming Chinese	61½	-1	1.0	
3.66	Fleming Ch Wts	30½			
117.20	Fleming Claver	212	+7	3.3	
180.00	Fleming Cont	291	-2	0.9	
127.20	Fleming Em Mkts	131½	+2½		
81.80	Fleming Empt	204	+1	3.0	
459.60	Flemng F East	304	+5	0.6	
42.80	Fleming Fledgt	338	+4	1.1	
30.80	Flemng Hi Inct	95	+1½	5.9	
61.30	Flemng Indian	73	-1	1.5	
7.06	Flemng In Wts	42	-1		
22.20	Flemng Intl	30	...	14.9	
375.20	Flemng Japan	217	-4		
369.90	Flemng Merct	256	+3	3.4	
38.00	Flemng Nat Res	76	+2		
374.50	Fleming Oseast	282	+5	1.9	
1,397.80	Foreign & Col	133	+2¼	1.6	
40.30	For & Col Inc Gwth	94	+1	2.8	
181.20	Frgn Emrg Mkts	96½	+2½		
67.70	Frgn Enterprise	72	+¼	1.4	
129.00	Frgn Eurotst	207	-3	0.7	
46.80	Frgn German	119	-3	0.5	
338.40	Frgn Pacific	294	-2	1.1	
65.60	Frgn PEP	121	+½	3.6	
163.60	Frgn Smaller	158½	+1	1.7	
49.90	Frgn US Smlr	99½	-½		
2.61	Fulcrum Cap	17½			
4.38	Fulcrum Inc	39	...	27.8	
12.50	Fulcrum Zero	144½			
97.50	Gartmore Brit	195	...	4.7	
22.80	Gartmore Euro	134	-3½	0.8	
28.90	Gartmore Shdt	85	+1	14.1	
30.00	G'more Smlr Cos	208	...	3.5	
21.70	Geared Inc Inv	94	...	11.1	
28.80	Genl Cons Cap	147	+3		
38.00	Genl Inct	105	...	11.1	
36.50	German Inv	93½	-2½	0.1	
76.90	Gov Asian Sm Co's	205	-1	0.2	
34.90	Gov Emg Mkt	91½	+1	0.3	
37.00	Govett Am Smlr	148½	+3		
18.80	Gov Glob Smlr	77			
37.50	Govett High Inct	75	+2	9.3	
593.00	Govet Oriental	330	+½	0.4	
224.90	Govtt Strategic	229	+4	3.7	
41.60	Greenfriar	362	...	2.4	
0.81	Gresham House	19			
130.40	GT Japan	209	+4	0.7	
82.10	H Govett Smlr Co	115	+1	1.2	
30.30	Hend High	1¼	+2	6.1	
43.30	Hend Strata	259	...		
63.90	Herald	82	+1½	0.8	
79.30	HTR Jap Smaller	79½	-5¼	0.7	
0.36	I&S Ext	12	-1		
27.80	I&S UK Smllr	96	+1	3.6	
299.30	Inv Cap	121	-2	5.4	
31.70	Ist Biotech	84			
	Int Wts	25	-1		
28.50	INVESCO Korea	124	-2		
24.40	J Fry 2nd Ut	84	+2	8.8	
8.95	J Fry Eurp Ut	84	...	7.1	
117.10	JF Fledg Jap	186	-2		
25.20	Jupiter Intl Grnt	100	+1	4.2	
165.20	Kiewt Chrt	204	+4	3.2	
28.00	Kiewt E Mkt	99	+2½		
33.00	Kiewt End	110	...		
377.60	Kiewt Euro Pvt	75½	+¼	1.3	
24.50	Kiewt Euro Wts	24½	+¼		
23.40	Kiewt H Inct	78	...	12.8	
180.90	Kiewt O'seast	225½	+1	1.9	
14.80	Kiewt Smlr	112	-1	2.6	
74.60	Latin American	82¾	-½		
169.30	Law Debenture	746	+13	3.5	
22.70	Lazard H Inct	100	+3	8.0	
19.50	Lloyds Sm Cap	79½	+1½		
6.38	Lloyds Sm Dmt	26	...	17.5	
26.20	Lloyds Sm Pkgt	107	+4	4.3	
55.10	Lon St Lawrence	168	+4	4.6	
37.40	Lon Smaller Cos	82	...	4.8	
59.20	Lowland	290	+6	4.0	
178.20	Lydenburg	1125	...	2.0	
54.00	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	540	+12		
11.70	M&G 2nd Dual In	117	...	25.6	
109.20	M&G Dual Cap	2570	+30		
14.40	M&G Dual Inc	250	-5		
61.40	M&G Inc Geared	61	+½	10.2	
69.00	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	28	+¾		
83.80	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inct	34	...	18.4	
170.60	M&G Inc Package	117	+1	5.3	
138.00	M&G Inc Zero Dv	56			
37.00	M&G Rec Cap	27½			
562.20	M&G Rec Geared	56½	+½	8.6	
38.40	M&G Rec Inc	28½	...	17.0	
144.60	M&G Rec Pacge	139	...	3.8	
102.40	M&G Rec Zero Div	76	+1½		
23.20	M Currie Euro	101	-1	0.4	
52.50	M Currie Pac	128	-1	0.3	
98.70	Majedie	188	+5	3.5	
9.22	Malabar	45			
258.30	Merchants	252½	+8½	5.8	
471.50	Mercury Euro Pv	82	+1½	0.9	
28.30	Mercury Eur Wt	25½	-1		
344.90	Mercury World	81	-1	1.0	
13.60	Mercury Wld Wts	16	-1		
391.90	Monks Inv Tst	505	+2	1.7	
45.90	Morg Grn Inc	133	+5	4.5	
2.23	Morg Wts	46	+4		
33.70	Morg Ltn Amer	52½	-1½		
3.47	Morg Wts	37			
38.70	Murray Ent	115	+6½	2.3	
1.25	Murray Eur Wts	26			
49.10	Murray Emg Eco	27½	-1½		
3.58	Murray Em Ec Wt	27½	-½		
16.50	Murray Euro	55	-1½	0.8	
0.75	Murray Eu Wts	12½	-1		
275.00	Murray Income	319	+4	4.8	
388.20	Murray Intl	323	+7	4.9	
10.40	Murray S/C DP	163			
7.28	Murray S/C Cap	130	+1		
6.80	Murray S/C Inc	75	+1	17.7	
1.52	Murray S/C Ult	2925	...	4.5	
219.90	Murray Small	392	+10	1.4	
93.20	Murray Vent	337	+6	4.3	
8.15	Newmarket	17			
20.70	Nwtmg Inc	63	...	10.2	
16.10	Nwtmg Cap	73	+7		
124.20	O'seas Inv Tst	326	+4	1.3	
2.84	O'seas Wts	158			
89.80	Pacific Asset	440	+3½	0.4	
11.10	Pacific Wts	343	+2		
28.40	Perpetual Jap	77½			
17.40	Personal Assets	8700	...	2.8	
41.20	Pilot Inv	111	...	1.7	
8.06	Piper Euro Sm	80	-1		
64.20	Prolific Inc	91½	+2½	1.0	
310.80	RIT Cap Ptnr	172	+5	1.1	
10.50	River Merc Am Cap	28			
7.50	River Merc Am Inc	100	...	10.0	
0.60	River Merc Am Wts	8	-1		
46.70	River Merc Cap	116	+1		
30.10	River Merc Ex Inc	81	+3	12.0	
0.54	River Merc Ex Inc Wt	9			
11.30	River Merc Grd Inc	81	...	11.6	
9.10	River Merc Grd Pf	26			
21.50	River Merc Tst Inc	107	...	10.7	
30.00	River Merc Sm Co	119	+6½	4.3	
1.17	River Merc Sm Wt	24	+4		
	Robeco	406	+2	3.4	
	Rolinco	412	+5	1.8	
93.10	Schrod Jap Gwth	74½	+2½		
8.25	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	33	+3½		
45.60	Schrod Korea Fd	690½	-67	0.2	
3.71	Sch Korea Fd Wt	337½	-25½		
42.90	Sch Spl Zero Div	112			
7.64	Sch Split Fd Cap	27			
60.30	Sch Split Fd Inc	106½	-½	8.8	
107.80	Schrod UK Gwth	92	+3	2.0	
	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	29	+1		
586.30	Scot	216½	+5½	3.0	
344.30	Scot Americant	154	+2	4.0	
52.90	Scot Asian	252	+5		
4.09	Scot Wts	585			
508.50	Scot Eastern	80½	+1½	2.5	
786.30	Scot Mtge	218	+5	2.4	
125.30	Scot Natl Tst	78½	-½	11.9	
51.30	Scot Value	102	+1½	2.5	
305.30	Second Allinct	1590	+20	3.4	
260.20	Secs Tst of Scot	81¼	+3	5.0	
36.10	Selective Asset	125	...	1.6	
24.40	SHIRESCOT	126	+2	5.7	
38.80	Sphere Inv	32	...	15.9	
99.80	St Andrew Inv	290	...	3.5	
185.40	Temple Bar	341	+12	5.1	
97.20	Thmtn Asian E	87	...	0.6	
1.54	Throg Dual Cp	44	+8		
230.30	Throgmorton	72½	+4	4.0	
429.30	Tollton Emg Mkt	107	+1½	0.6	
300.90	TR City Of Lon	147	+4	4.5	
96.00	TR Euro Growth	168½	-½	1.3	
66.50	TR Far East	140	+1	5.2	
134.00	TR Pacific	100	+½	0.2	
143.50	TR Property	30½	...	3.7	
319.00	TR Smlr Cos	179	+6	2.7	
37.10	TR Tech Inv	102	...	2.1	
20.30	Turkey Trust	205	+14	1.2	
80.90	USDC Invest	221	+3	2.5	
51.80	Undervalued Act	96	+3		
51.00	Value Inc Tst	114½	+8½	4.6	
24.80	Warrants & Val	30¾	-½		
12.20	Wigmore	60	-1	1.0	
842.50	Witan	224½	+3½	3.4	
21.40	Yeoman Inct	87	...	19.7	

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.36	Abrdn Sx H	28			
472.70	Airtours	415	+3	3.6	9.1
15.40	Ald Leis	22			
212.60	Alpha Arpts	141	+4	3.6	
45.20	Arcadian	41	...	2.5	
22.50	Baldwin	118	-2	4.2	8.8
33.10	Barr & Wall	222	+3	6.4	
102.10	Bluebird Toys	332	+6	4.4	6.7
65.70	Boosey Hwks	335	...	1.9	19.8
8.28	Brent Walker	2¾	-		
10.20	Bristol Scotts	165	-5	2.3	
0.90	Buckingham Intl	¼			
67.30	Chrysalis	253			
140.30	City Centre Rest	73	+1	3.0	14.8
762.20	Compass Grp	320	-1	2.6	16.7
69.40	Eurocamp	264	-2	5.0	11.8
1,147.60	Euro Disney	150	-9		
17.90	Euro Leisure	2¼	-½	...	11.8
12.90	Fairline Boats	368	-41	5.3	17.0
169.50	First Choice	107	...	4.5	28.0
449.40	First Leisure	275	-3	3.2	17.5
2,227.80	Forte	236	-2½	4.0	27.9
31.40	Friendly Hotels	158	-5	4.5	26.5
7.24	GR Hldgs	55	...	2.5	
3,119.50	Granada	536	+8½	2.3	16.0
22.10	Groupe Chez Ger	118	+10	0.8	16.2
11.20	Hi-Tec Sports	32	-3	15.8	3.2
9.71	Hornby	117	+21	5.6	
61.20	Jurys Hotel	180	+½	3.8	16.2
41.10	Kunick	17½	+¼	3.6	20.1
184.70	London Clubs	275	+10	5.4	14.0
1,914.80	Ladbroke	164½	-3	4.6	
2.74	Magnolia	48	...	0.3	
76.00	Man Utd	125	...	4.2	20
568.60	Mandarin Orntl	82½	+1¼	3.9	21.3
25.80	My Kinda Town	10½	-½	1.2	
30.10	Northern	75	-1	5.1	12.1
54.10	Pelican Gp	75	...	2.1	15.6
72.40	PizzaExpress	135	+8	1.9	16.7
7.65	Prism Leisure	90	...	5.8	6.4
10.60	Quadrant Grp	29			
19.30	Ramsden's (H)	219	-1	2.6	25.5
3,344.90	Rank Org	403	+15	4.1	19.8
17.70	Ryan Hotels IE	27	-1	4.8	15.4
264.00	Savoy Hotel 'A'	923	...	0.5	
403.10	Stakis	84	+3	2.3	19.7
201.90	Stanley Leisure	376	...	1.8	20.6
1,297.90	Tanjong	346	...	0.6	19.4
4,547.60	Thorn EMI	1065	+41	4.1	19.4
26.20	Tottenhm Hot	164	-3	0.8	17.0
68.50	VCI	171	-4	3.1	
122.80	Vardon	141	...	1.3	
15.50	Wembley	46			
6.93	Zetters Gp	105	-4	11.3	8.2

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
107.80	Abbott Mead	339	+2	2.8	
53.00	Adscene	298	+3	2.9	18.6
190.10	Aegis Gp	23½	+½		
3.44	Allied Radio	2¾	-¼		
1.08	BBB Design	13	...		35.9
31.60	Barbour Index	187	-1	5.8	16.7
4.53	Birkdale	5	-½		
4.97	Black (A&C)	330	...	5.3	11.6
184.30	Blenheim Gp	198	+19	6.8	10.9
20.30	Border TV	199	-2	3.7	17.4
57.00	Bristol	350	...	4.5	35.6
4,527.70	B Sky B	264	+8½	...	49.7
55.40	CIA Grp	135	-3½	1.7	
34.90	Caledonian Med	23½			
258.80	Capital Radio	355	...	2.6	22.1
2,060.80	Carlton Comms	896	-3	2.3	18.5
6.79	City of Lon	86	...	6.4	13.1
200.50	Cordiant	91	+2½	...	15.4
69.50	Daily Mail	1390¾	...	1.5	23.6
1,073.70	Daily Mail 'A'	1078½	+34½	1.9	18.3
211.20	Dorling Kind	325	+29	1.4	30.6
814.10	EMAP	412	+4	2.7	22.8
4,248.50	Emap	646	-1½		
337.10	Euromoney Pb	1545	...	3.4	22.3
3.74	Fitch	10½			
326.60	Flextech	350	-2		
57.80	GWR Grp	275	...	1.9	21.7
44.50	Gold Greenless	168	...	3.0	20.3
8.08	Goodhead	20	...	0.3	
37.10	Grampian	263	-1	3.8	14.1
143.00	HTV Group	163	+9	1.7	
2.50	Harrington K	25	...	5.0	
44.30	Haynes Publ	388	...	3.9	16.0
109.50	Hodder H'line	315	+1	2.1	51.3
15.00	Home Counts	150	-2	4.2	36.8
297.30	Independent	248	+½	4.3	
91.40	Int Bus Comm	226	+4	1.9	11.4
7.02	Isansotode	135	...	7.2	34.2
188.10	Johnston Press	141	-1	1.7	19.7
7.56	Lopex	15	...	2.1	17.0
65.90	MAID	61	-6		
53.20	Metal Bulletin	537	-7	2.8	24.5
172.40	Midland Ind	125	+11½	3.4	
562.30	Mirror Gp	135	+2½	0.9	7.1
116.00	More O'Ferrall	357	...	4.8	
5,380.90	News Corp	289	-6	0.5	19.2
2,065.00	News Intl	299	-6	1.0	5.8
8.07	Osprey Comms	30			
3,229.50	Pearson	584	+12	2.9	20.1
93.40	Pineapple	353	+61		
72.10	Portsmth Sund	601	...	2.3	12.4
38.80	Quarto	211	+1½	3.7	
4,380.10	Reed Intl	778	+10	3.5	
7,939.70	Reuters	476	+10	2.1	22.8
52.90	Scott Radio	229	-5	2.9	18.2
197.56	Scot TV	409	+14	4.4	
39.40	SelecTV	27½	-1		
47.40	Shandwick	35	...	4.6	8.1
36.60	Southnews	236	+14	1.8	23.7
13.00	Sterling Publ	38	-1	16.3	2.6
7.12	Sunset & Vine	125	...	4.0	10.9
77.90	Taylor Nelson	35½	+½	2.2	21.4
573.70	Telegraph	424	+3½	3.8	18.0
4,591.00	Thomson Corp	785	...	5.1	38.8
240.80	Trinity Intl	351	+8	3.9	
66.70	Ulster TV	635	-7	3.2	19.5
1,254.30	Utd Newspapers	513	-9	5.8	12.6
9.98	VTR	96	...	5.3	10.2
5.97	WAIGO	9	...	14.7	4.2
749.30	WPP	104	-2	1.4	13.1
193.50	Yorkshire TV	381	-8	1.3	

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.21	Alex Corp	95	...	4.0	7.4
949.40	Ang Am Coal	3768¾	...	2.4	20.5
7,935.40	Ang Am	3406¼	-100	2.1	31.9
1,295.90	Ang Am Gold	5365¾	-490¾	4.9	14.5
17.90	Anglo Pac Res	23			
1,177.00	Ashanti	1403½	+25	1.1	18.9
279.70	Ashton	100	+1	5.0	
40.10	Beacon	159	-4		
344.80	Beatrix	366¾	-2	5.2	19.2
3.04	Bresn	29	...	2.9	25.0
24.10	Blyvoor	100½	-5½		
120.30	Bougainville	30			
1.93	Bracken	13½	...	6.3	
49.60	Buffels	451¼	-6½	11.8	
4.19	Botta	1¼			
4,830.20	CRA	810	-21	3.4	19.7
46.10	Central Pacific	46	-4		
32.40	Chill Res	44½	-½		
82.50	Coal Inv	92	+7		
11.20	Cons Murchson	180	...	3.4	4.9
5,703.10	De Beers	1500	-31½	3.5	
65.60	Deelkraal	66	-3½	5.3	5.9
18.10	Doornfontein	45½	+12½		
1,580.60	Driefontein	823½	-64	5.5	11.4
15.80	Durban	599¾	-		
65.70	E Rand Gold	143	-7½	14.0	4.8
98.90	E Rand Prop	74½	-		
53.50	Eastern Trans	62	...	3.6	15.2
296.70	Elandsraat	306	-9¼	3.7	9.0
1,136.90	Eng China Cl	369	+22	5.7	17.4
863.50	FS Cons	775¾	-87¼	7.8	9.2
8.45	FS Dev	38	...	3.2	
1,554.20	GFSA	1606¼	-43¼	3.1	18.0
458.30	GM Kalgoorl	48	-2	2.9	18.4
2,850.40	Gencor	207¼	-4½	1.6	20.7
15.00	Gold Fields Prop	147	+3	7.1	
17.50	Greenwich R A	15			
17.00	Grootvlei	148½	-6¼	6.8	8.6
32.50	Gwalia Cons	30	-5½	1.1	10.1
142.30	Harmony	529	-27		
127.20	Hartes	229½	-31	11.3	7.4
858.50	Impala Plat	1316¾	-56¼	1.9	40.2
126.30	Kinross	85	-9	14.1	7.7
138.60	Kinross	753½	-34½	8.8	7.6
946.10	Kloof	682½	-98¾	5.2	6.4
15.30	Leslie	95½	-4¼	10.9	5.7
31.30	Lorraine	191½	-17		
12.90	Maritzana	15	-1		
0.60	Mangera	3			
1,321.70	MIM	83	-5	2.8	
3,379.70	Minorco	1500	-25	2.8	
68.70	Monarch	129	-13		
59.40	NSM	99	...		9.3
990.70	Nth Broken Hill	142	-7	3.5	21.7
82.50	Orye Gold	50			
171.00	Pancontinental	77			
32.70	Peking Tint	162	-3	1.2	
648.60	Placer Pac	136	-3		
591.70	RJB	343	+2	4.6	
5,301.30	RTZ	778	+8½	3.8	14.9
4.51	Rainbow	29			
380.20	Rand Mines	637½	...	1.7	58.2
251.60	Randfontein	412	-57½	11.6	5.4
381.20	Renison	192	-2		
1,755.10	Rustenbg	1400	-50	2.1	33.8
164.90	St Barbara	50	...	2.7	13.0
52.60	St Helena	557	-26½	10.8	
174.60	Sons Gwalia	345	-5	4.7	16.5
50.10	Sthern Pacific	18			
385.90	Southvaal	1484¾	-118¼	5.3	18.8
13.90	Stilfontein	103½	-19½	22.7	3.2
40.60	Unisel	145	-11	6.6	6.9
815.80	Vaal Reefs	4268¾	-278¼	5.1	7.0
8.11	Wankie Col 2	8	...	15.5	1.9
11.10	Waser Hall	1½	+		
99.10	Watts Blake	474	-1	3.3	17.9
530.50	Western Deep	1915¾	-193¼	4.5	6.9
3,457.60	Western Mng	313	-16	1.8	33.6
73.80	Winkels	603¼	-3¼	8.7	8.3
47.80	Zambia Copper	39			
56.00	Zandpan	43	...	10.1	9.9

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
119.00	Aran Energy	49½	-½	...	27.6
16.10	Arcon Intl	28	+1		
	Ass OB & Gas	45¼	-¼		
17.30	Atrea Pet	55	+6		
121.00	Br Borneo	269	+18	3.5	
12,771.90	British Gas	293	+1½	6.4	17.2
23,411.20	Br Petroleum	424½	+14½	3.1	15.0
16.90	Bula Resources	2¼	-½		
1,742.00	Burmah Castrl	871	+1	3.9	17.3
49.90	Cairn Energy	77	-3		
438.80	Calor Gp	261	+6	6.0	12.6
171.40	Clyde Pet	42	+4	3.0	
9.94	Coplex Res	6	-1½		
33.70	Dragon Oil	1¼			
6.96	Edin Oil & Gs				
1,928.60	Enterprise	382	+17½	5.1	36.3
59.10	Flagas	240	...	6.7	9.9
58.50	Fortune	5½	...		35.1
65.80	Goal Pet	64	...	2.8	21.3
32.80	Gt Western Res	29	-6		
185.30	Hardy O & G	164	+11	0.8	21.0
88.50	Ked Energy	52	...	3.2	30.9
1,554.30	Lasmo	161	+8	0.8	
2.83	Lasmo Units	40	...	29.6	
411.00	Monument	61¾	+1½	...	66.0
8.01	New London	5¼			
5,280.30	Norsk Hydro	2306¼	-28¼	1.8	
5.21	Oceanics	3¼			
122.40	Oil Search	40	-1		
	Petrol	31	-1½		
246.30	Premier	24½			
10.90	Presidio	43	...	15.5	
40.30	Pittencrieff Res	70	+2		
56.50	Ramco Egy	296	+23	0.2	
408.60	Ranger	415	+37	4.8	
39,075.70	Royal Dtch Fl	7280¾	-118¼	4.8	
8,893.20	Schlumberger	3658¼	-37½	2.1	
4.64	Scot Pickford	40	...	2.8	7.7
46.20	Seafield	90			
23,901.20	Shell	721	-5½	4.8	
3.40	Soonse Eng Sv	#116			
8,173.00	Total	3612½	+215¾	2.6	17.3
11.20	Villers Grp	9½			
1,640.00	Woodside	246	+11	1.5	
96.30	XCL	51	-1		

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
16.40	BWD	85	+8	6.2	8.2
39.00	Baillie Pict	129	...	2.9	
3.71	Berry Brd Nat	57	+2	11.2	8.6
90.90	Bolac Inv	153	+1		
29.10	Brown Dolphin	140	+6	4.5	10.7
530.20	Caledonia	638	+5	3.2	17.4
57.50	Camellia	2300	...	1.7	6.1
26.20	Carlisle	16½	...	3.8	
149.60	Cattle Allen	459	-2	7.7	9.5
215.80	Cattles	159	+3	4.6	
6.11	Charane	26	...	...	57.5
6.79	EFG	14½	...	0.9	9.5
35.40	EFT Group	71	-2	3.1	15.0
138.30	EFM	729	-1	4.2	
208.80	Exco	169½	-1½	4.5	
351.60	Gartmore	174½	+12½	3.9	14.7
204.10	Gerrard Ns	419	-6	7.2	12.1
182.70	Govett	260	-16	7.0	4.3
218.80	Henderson Ad	1013	+25	5.6	14.0
459.90	Invesco	175	+9	2.7	28.7
12.70	Investment Co.	46	...	4.8	14.7
59.70	Ivory Sime	203	...	4.6	15.8
2,199.90	Jardine Strat	232¾	-12	3.5	9.4
17.60	Johnson Fry	117	+1	1.6	3.7
15.10	King Stanton	87	...	12.9	8.8
156.30	Lon Forfaiting	154	+19	7.5	
70.40	Lon Scot Bk	116	...	4.4	15.2
750.00	M & G	1008	+38	3.7	17.6
824.80	MAM	252	+6	3.8	12.7
	MAM 5.9% Cv Pf	96½	+½		
1,371.90	MAI	755	+12	3.8	17.6
92.60	Nat Home Loan	105½	-4	...	9.7
353.10	Perpetual	1380	+123	3.2	14.7
797.50	Provident	550	+6	4.7	13.5
67.90	Rathbone Brs	290	+5	3.7	14.4
63.30	Rutland Tst	25½	...	4.4	12.9
35.50	S & U	301	-9	4.5	9.8
30.10	Stoneham	178	+30	6.3	6.7
312.40	SJP Capital	114	+7	3.3	8.1
319.10	Smith New Crt	472	+12	2.6	5.4
11.40	Towry Law	74	...	7.6	17.6
30.00	Tho Hldgs	24	...	0.5	39.4
21.60	Union	82	+9	4.6	
3.30	Western Selectn	22	...	1.4	

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
239.60	Brit Biotech	496	+8		
16.10	Cantab Pharms	163			
191.40	Celltech	270	+2		
81.60	Chiroscience	120	+1		
40.90	Cortecs	37	+6		
1,147.20	Fisons	166	+3	3.3	
24,602.30	Glaxo	709	+11	4.9	17.1
81.30	Grampian Hdg	117	-2½	5.9	21.6
543.00	Medeva	224½	+32¾	1.8	15.4
2.92	Premier Health	1			
32.20	Quality Care	230	...	2.4	11.4
33.90	Scotia	362			
7.44	Shield Diag	40			
7,085.30	SmithKline	513¾	-6	3.1	
6,517.20	SmthKline Uts	497½	-2½	3.2	
9,234.80	Wellcome	1053	+3½	2.7	22.6
8,419.40	Zeneca	890	+11½	4.0	20.1

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
22.00	AG Holdings	122	+2	5.6	11.5
88.60	API	414	...	2.7	19.7
2,020.50	Arjo Wiggins	247	+10½	3.7	13.8
22.40	Aspen Coms	165	+1	4.1	
111.30	Bemrose	350	-4	4.4	12.5
2,199.40	Bowater	439	+19	4.0	13.5
763.90	Bowater Inc	3087½	+146¾	...	
77.50	Boxmore Intl	282	...	1.8	17.2
158.20	Br Polythene	524	-1	3.3	
4.51	Br Thornton	28	+3	8.9	2.5
18.40	Beaton Grp	136	-½	2.3	
747.10	Bunzl	175½	+7½	3.6	14.3
41.40	Capital Inds	149	+7	3.8	11.7
1,858.40	Carnaud MB	2303¾	+87¼	2.2	16.8
30.80	Cropper (James)	251	...	1.7	13.2
1,971.20	De La Rue	880	...	3.0	16.0
4.82	Delyn Group	56	-2	3.7	10.2
22.50	Dolphin Pack	96	...	5.9	12.3
26.70	Fairway Group	82	...	5.5	13.3
133.00	Ferguson Intl	330	+7	4.8	13.3
13.90	Ferry Pickr	104	+1½	7.0	
1.01	Hunterprint	1¼			
78.40	Inveresk	149	+1½	4.6	
121.00	Jarvis Porter	258	-3	2.6	16.9
430.00	Low & Bonar	437	...	3.4	14.3
71.60	MY Holdings	53	+3	4.1	12.7
185.40	Macfarlane	230	+1	2.2	18.5
15.80	Photobition	153	...	4.9	11.1
88.50	Plysu	188	...	4.7	30.3
331.30	St Ives Gp	334	+8	2.4	18.1
1,731.80	Sappi	1153¼	-38¼	0.5	...
5.94	Seel	8			
99.50	Sidlaw	145	-4	9.5	
855.90	Smith David	549	+11	2.8	16.7
1,937.80	Smurfit (Jeff)	360	+1	1.5	51.4
1.88	Sonec	94	...	3.7	10.0
6.78	Unit Group	35	-3		
188.40	Wace	240	+21	2.1	15.3
202.20	Waddington (J)	195	-1	5.5	9.5
249.10	Walmsough	368	+14	2.7	
31.10	Wyndeham	136	+1	2.6	17.8

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
51.50	Allied Lon	74	...	6.6	9.5
142.70	Argent	260	+3		
9.42	Artesian Ests	70	-1		
83.40	Asda Prop	106	...	2.7	18.8
198.70	Bilton	226	+15	5.4	18.4
89.60	Berkby	184	-8	4.6	16.0
5.28	Bolton Gp	19	+10		
30.50	Bourne End	50	...	1.9	
271.90	Bradford	183	-8	4.6	15.4
7.98	Brightstone	114	...	4.0	
1,153.20	Br Land	376	+8	2.6	35.7
419.40	Brixton	180	+2	5.6	18.0
291.40	Burford	98	+3	2.2	26.0
98.10	CLS Hldgs	99	...	6.2	
62.80	Cap & Regnl	138	+5	1.4	31.2
724.40	Cap Shop Cnt	199	...	4.4	
4.74	Cardiff Prop	158	...	2.1	26.1
54.80	Carlton Intl	19½			
233.80	Chelsfield	149	+2	2.0	50.8
87.40	Chesterfield	446	...	3.5	20.0
40.70	Chestertn Inct	72	-6	5.7	12.2
7.08	City Site Ests	46	...	...	18.7
12.40	Clarke Nickolls	7½	+2	3.4	
5.83	Compco	70	...	7.1	6.2
25.10	Conrad Ritblt GS	21	-½	3.9	24.7
193.20	Daejan	1185	...	3.1	12.2
13.90	Dares Estates	3¼	-		
2.60	De Morgan	49½			
29.50	Debenhm Twsn	70	+4	6.2	11.1
29.20	Derecra	157	...	2.6	44.1
74.00	Derwent Hldgs	238	+12	2.7	
46.50	Development Sec	16	...	0.8	
30.50	Dwyer	40	...	2.3	18.9
8.17	Ebco	27½	-1½		
28.40	Estates Agency	339	...	4.7	
3.85	Estates Gen	18			
124.60	Evans Of Leeds	94	-1	3.5	15.7
26.10	Ex-Lands	23½	+1	2.2	32.2
23.80	Fiscal Prop	68	...	1.1	
23.90	Five Oaks	24½	...	2.6	10.3
1.83	Fletcher King	21	...	8.9	10.4
4.79	Folkes Group	42	...	4.5	
8.92	Folkes Group nv	37	-1	5.1	21.0
220.60	Frogmore	438	+1	4.8	15.8
61.20	Grainger	256	+7	2.9	14.1
559.80	Gr Portland	173	+5	5.9	28.6
156.60	Greycoat	122	+4	0.6	
102.10	Hambro Cntywd	31	+4	0.2	
903.10	Hammerson	319	-4	3.8	32.0
49.90	Helical Bar	306	+4	2.5	11.0
28.40	Hemingway	23	...	2.2	39.5
2.35	Henning Baker	14	...	8.9	
2.15	High-Point	43	-5	2.9	
3,628.20	HK Land	134¾	+11¼	4.8	17.3
15.80	Jermyn	158	...		79.1
3,029.40	Land Sec	594	+5	5.1	17.0
48.20	London Indl	311	-11	4.0	17.1
22.00	Lon & Assoc	30	-2½	2.7	20.3
3.19	Lon & Metro	7	...		0.2
227.00	Lon Merch Sec	93	+1	5.6	15.4
1,571.00	MEPC	386	-1	6.5	22.6
3.61	McInerney A	6			
32.10	McKay Secst	134	...	4.9	12.8
10.50	Merivale Mret	62	+2	6.6	7.5
19.50	Moorfield Est	29	...	4.4	13.4
40.80	Mountview	890¾	-84¾	3.1	6.9
124.00	Macklow (A&J)	127	-6	6.4	18.2
9.94	ORB	¼	...		1.0
12.40	Olives Prop	24	...		9.0
159.60	PSIT	131	-1	4.6	17.5
188.60	Peel	236	-1	2.6	31.9
181.10	Pillar Prop	160	-1	2.9	
2.03	Power Corp	1½	+		
11.40	Premier Land	4½	...		16.6
13.10	RPS Group	86	...	4.3	11.8
49.70	Raglan	30	...		7.3
25.20	Regalian	21½	...		5.3
13.70	Rowlinson Secs	110	-10	2.1	7.9
17.90	Rugby Est	99	...	2.8	3.8
54.00	St Modwen Prop	46	...	4.3	8.3
57.80	Saville Grdn (J)	57	-2	6.1	13.5
17.00	Savills	44	+1	6.4	7.1
86.10	Scot Met	67½	-1½	3.7	8.2
43.80	Shaftesbury	90	...	1.4	19.7
854.80	Slough Estates	219	-11	4.7	23.5
45.30	Southend Prop	42	-3	7.3	
23.40	Specty Shops	106	...	2.8	
9.96	Stanhope Prps	76	+2½		
67.30	TBI	41	...		1.8
75.90	Tops Ests	164	-1	1.7	41.8
124.90	Town Centre	97	...	4.0	17.2
57.70	Trafford Park	85	-1	4.8	13.7
13.08	Trencherwood	17	...		6.7
4.32	UK Land	45	-2		
97.70	Warner	201	+4	7.1	19.6
88.30	Warnford	230	...	4.2	19.0
129.00	Wates	65			
1.65	Whinney Mck	25			
3.53	Wood John D	43	-1	5.8	9.3
1.19	YRM	9	-4		

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,145.30	ASDA Group	74	+½	3.1	17.0
3,220.50	Argyll	285	-2½	5.1	12.1
252.40	Bake Bros	494	+9	1.8	17.8
56.10	Budgens	34¼	-1½	3.6	20.9
3.30	Cullens	12½			
1,388.10	Dairy Farm Intl	88¾	-2	4.5	11.2
80.50	Fanpak	347	...	2.5	17.9
95.80	Fitzwilton	38	...	11.9	
284.70	Fyffes	101	...	1.9	14.4
119.30	Geest	166	+6	6.3	12.8
132.00	Greggs	1158	+25	2.5	
449.70	Iceland Group	163	+5	3.0	10.1
625.10	Kwik Save	533	+10	4.5	9.6
8.93	Merchant Retail	10½	-½		
1,608.00	Morrison (W)	141	...	1.1	14.1
218.00	Nurdin Peack	171	+13	4.8	9.5
171.50	Park Foods	108	-1	3.8	9.8
2.45	Regalia Hlth	1½			
7,675.50	Sainsbury J	425	-2½	3.2	15.0
5,412.50	Tesco	263	+2	3.8	13.2
99.00	Thorntons	154	+1	4.0	12.6
157.20	Watson & Philip	360	+10	5.2	13.8

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
12.60	Alexon	22	+1		
223.70	Allders	217	...	3.9	12.9
1,208.00	Argos Plc	402	+45	3.3	17.7
14.00	Ashley (Laura)	63	-4	0.2	
68.10	Asprey	85	+6	8.9	7.0
63.70	Austin Reed	206	-1½	3.3	10.3
56.50	Beattie (J) 'A'	125	...	6.2	16.3
47.80	Bentalls	114	+½	2.2	39.5
40.80	Bettervare	39½	+½	8.9	4.2
9.54	Blacks Leis	30	-1	9.4	
343.50	Body Shop	181	-1	1.5	15.9
4,944.30	Boots	521	+9½	3.7	18.6
14.70	Brown & Jacksn	2½	+¼		
319.70	Brown (N)	219	-1	2.4	19.5
1,100.40	Burton	78	+3½	3.2	38.4
15.60	Carlos	103	...	4.9	14.7
206.60	Carpetright	269	+6	3.8	19.1
219.90	Castles	136	-1	2.0	
50.80	Church	470	-3	3.7	
13.10	Clinton Cards	77	+9	8.0	
18.50	City Casuals	97	...	5.5	27.8
188.20	Courts Furnishr	768	-5	1.0	39.1
3.12	Crown Eye	195	...	6.4	8.1
256.60	DFS Furniture	246	+1	3.7	18.5
883.60	Dixons Grp	222	+8	3.8	23.6
6.98	Fres (Winston)	580	...	3.8	27.2
10.70	ERA Gp	8½	-¼	...	
12.00	Essex Furn	105	...	5.5	11.7
132.50	Etam	199	+3	4.8	11.0
368.40	Fine Art Dev	338	-4	5.4	10.4
2.45	Finns Earth	43			
17.10	Flying Flowers	94	-1	2.5	12.3
50.40	French Conn	280	...		11.8
163.30	Frost Group	222	-1	2.9	23.4
11.20	Gieves	49	-1	3.8	17.5
25.60	Goldsmiths Gp	117	+1	2.0	21.0
5,734.20	GUS	570	+27	3.0	16.4
43.80	Hamleys	192	+11	4.7	
6.60	Hampden Grp	44	-5	3.5	
383.40	Hse of Fraser	167	+12	3.7	15.0
17.10	Hughes (TJ)	83	+3	3.8	13.6
74.40	JJB Sports	248	+1	3.0	15.2
3,101.80	Kingfisher	465	+25	4.2	17.6
13.30	Kleeneze	95	...	2.0	27.0
53.30	Liberty	238	+5	2.5	
243.80	Lloyds Chemist	300	-19	6.1	8.5
675.40	MFI	116	-2	4.5	14.5
11,581.10	Marks Spencer	414½	+25½	2.9	18.4
284.10	Menzies (John)	511	+1	3.0	12.1
58.80	Moss Bros	346	-1	3.1	13.7
1,040.30	Next	278	+2	3.0	17.1
1.83	OEM	30			
22.90	Olivers (G)	90½	...	1.4	14.5
19.00	Partridge Fine	86	...	4.8	9.6
45.40	OS Hldgs	115	-10	6.6	12.8
10.70	Rhino Grp	8			
	Rosebys	116	+1	5.4	
1,561.50	Sears	103	+2½	4.5	17.5
49.10	Signet Group	16½	+1½	...	5.8
1,190.50	Smith WH	427	+9	4.6	21.9
248.70	Sotheby's	733	+30	3.6	34.8
950.30	Storehouse	228	+10	3.1	18.7
50.30	Style	173	+4	1.9	11.7
98.60	T & S Stores	149	+5	5.2	10.6
53.50	Tie Rack	104	+5	2.1	12.4
6.60	Upton & South	4¼	+½		
325.00	Vendome	465	+22	2.1	35.6
37.80	WEW Group	26	...	3.4	22.0
7.36	Wild of Leather	60	+1	3.2	
62.40	Wyevale	163	+1	3.7	

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,536.20	Allied Domecq	537½	+30½	5.3	14.5
214.00	Bulmer (HP)	406	+2	3.4	21.9
64.00	Burn Stewart	108	-1	5.8	23.7
8,239.70	Grand Met	395	+15½	4.4	17.8
9,166.30	Guinness	454	+40	3.9	14.8
511.30	Highland Dist	385	-1	2.4	17.6
220.20	Macallan-Glen	188	-8¼	0.8	49.5
87.70	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	640	...	1.9	27.5
252.00	Matthew Clark	549	+1½	4.3	25.2
9.05	Merydew W	83	...	3.8	
148.90	Taunton Cider	136	-2	6.2	10.5

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
188.00	ACT Group	106½	-½	6.2	11.2
965.00	ADT	695	+7		
14.60	Alphameric	35	...		28.7
73.00	Astlo Sec	61	+4		7.9
1,000.50	BET Ord	107	-3	4.0	15.3
33.20	BNB Res	155	...	4.5	
65.00	BPP	247	+½	4.9	
44.60	BSM	168	...	5.2	
19.40	Black & Edg	3½	+¼		
195.40	Borland	687½			
27.60	Brit Data Mgmt	113	-5	6.0	8.0
7.56	Brooks Service	63	...	3.5	
57.90	CRT Grp	86	+2	4.9	21.7
80.80	Capita Group	147	-2	2.8	
872.70	Chubb Sec	312	-2	2.6	18.2
57.10	Comple People	234	+5	1.5	
40.70	Corp Services	73	+1	3.4	
17.40	Coats Casltgt	52	-1	3.6	
215.00	Davis Service	210	...	5.2	
8.40	Dudley Jenkins	70	-1	6.0	13.3
7.90	EW Fact	71	-6	9.0	
36.20	El Data Prct	138	...	1.8	13.5
1,219.20	Hays	300	+9	2.7	17.8
100.80	Hogg Robinson	145	-4	6.3	9.3
12.30	Holmes Protectn	28	+2	...	17
6.78	Int Cm & Data	10½	...		5.3
453.10	ISS B Dkr	1743¾	-28¼	1.4	
54.10	JBA Hldgs	164	...	1.8	16.7
123.50	Johnson Clean	250	-4		
18.10	Kalamazoo	95	+4	4.5	10.7
32.40	Kewill Sys	288	...	3.5	9.8
2.90	Laser-Scan	18			
25.70	LEMS	118	+8		
34.80	Lep	3¼	-¼		
201.50	Logica	326	+7½	2.1	17.5
81.00	MDIS	81	-1	8.6	
21.30	MMT Comp	188	...	3.5	14.9
61.90	MR Data Mngt	111	...	6.2	13.7
85.30	Macro 4	393	-7	6.5	11.1
1,494.50	Manpower	2009¾	-12½	0.2	...
101.50	Micro Focus	795	-5	...	22.0
41.00	Microgen	104	...	8.7	11.3
166.60	Misys	350	+4	3.0	11.0
51.50	MITIE Grp	205	...	1.6	20.8
13.60	Novo Group	25	-2	1.9	8.6
8.60	OIS Intl	22	+4	10.8	4.1
7.69	Orbis	21	...	3.7	
66.50	P & P	85	+2	3.9	10.2
69.50	Michael Page	116	+1	2.5	28.5
47.80	Parity	114	...		
8.69	Pegasus	138	-2	4.6	
5.22	Penna	95	...	3.2	
47.60	Proudfoot	60	-4	7.3	18.3
28.40	RCO	265	...	7.5	9.6
9.45	Radiant	34	-¼	3.9	11.9
11.80	Real Time	169	+15	3.0	12.8
65.00	Reed Executive	127	-5	1.0	
32.60	Reliance Sec	145	-3	4.3	22.1
2,347.20	Rentokil	249	+5	1.6	28.2
63.20	Ricardo Group	143	+5	5.3	17.8
20.00	Rolfe & Nolan	164	-3	3.0	20.2
167.00	Sage Gp	784	+29	1.7	17.1
688.00	Salvesen (C)	237	-7	4.3	12.3
34.00	Sanderson Elec	86	...	4.1	12.5
73.70	Select App	13	+¼		
367.70	Serco Gp	395	...	1.3	
148.20	Seco Gp	292	-3	2.0	
69.90	Servisair	174	-1	2.8	
9.37	Shand Grp	132	-17	...	
54.50	Sketchley	85	...	4.7	14.3
40.00	Shi-Plus	186	+6	6.8	
24.20	Usvgate	118	-2		
17.20	Vistec	14	...	3.6	7.6
9.59	WSP Hldgs	41	-2	8.1	
61.90	Warner Howard	268	+6	3.8	12.0

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
24,032.10	BT	385½	+9	5.5	15.9
8,586.60	Cable Wireless	390	+3	2.7	16.0
112.10	Filtronic Com	287	+32	0.4	55.2
62.40	Securicor	1503	+8	0.3	34.9
743.60	Securicor 'A'	818	+10	0.5	21.0
870.40	Security Serv	784	+44	1.8	22.2
1,450.40	Telewest	171	-9		
6,290.00	Vodafone	205½	+7	1.8	26.7

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2.58	Allson	68	-6	5.9	3.6
39.50	Alundra W	117	...	6.2	12.5
138.80	Allied Textl	453	+3	3.7	13.9
2.41	Atkins	73	...	13.8	23.2
1.77	Automagic	31	-1	...	7.8
256.40	Baird (Wm)	221	+17	5.4	
5.04	Beckman (A)	42	...	10.7	20.8
128.10	Black (Peter)	232	-½	2.5	13.5
11.30	Bridport-Gndry	112	-1	3.3	15.3
26.20	Br Mohair	197	...	5.9	
2.80	Campari	25			
3.74	Cassidy Bros	68	...	5.1	8.7
77.60	Chamb Phipps	174	+1	5.2	22.9
185.40	Claremont Gt	304	+20	3.8	
1,345.20	Coats Viyella	193	+20	5.3	16.7
453.00	Courtauld Text	445	+24	4.2	13.6
194.40	Dawson	98½	...	3.8	
180.30	Dewhirst (IJ)	141½	+6	1.5	20.0
4.18	Dixie Hd	34	-½	5.1	10.6
5.13	Drummond	29	-1	...	13.0
2.03	Ebel	16	-2		
7.49	Faupel	64	...	8.6	10.4
50.70	FII	338	+1	5.5	25.7
16.50	Fornalester	150	...	2.8	12.8
2.02	Foster (John)	18			
19.70	French	91	...	5.0	12.4
35.50	Gent SR	88	+9	3.0	21.8
19.70	Haggart	80	...	4.2	12.4
31.50	Hartstone	8½	-		
43.50	Helene Plc	22	-½	11.4	9.1
52.40	Hicking Pntcst	225	-6	2.7	15.9
30.10	Hallas	22½	+½	3.3	
4.54	Honeysuckle	54	...	6.9	6.8
42.50	Horace Small	124	-1	...	15.8
19.70	Jacques Vert	207	...	3.2	8.6
4.26	Jerome (S)	57	...	1.8	7.2
57.10	Jones Stroud	330	+3	3.4	16.1
15.80	Lambert	125	+5	7.4	
92.70	Lamont	308	+13	3.1	18.2
73.70	Leeds	249	-3	3.2	12.9
23.60	Leslie Wise Grt	68	-1	7.8	
4.61	Lyles (S)	64	...	4.8	7.2
44.30	Marling	25	-¼	3.3	
1.92	PEX	10			
12.80	Parkland	144	-4	4.3	8.8
411.80	Pentland	114	+3	3.5	17.1
14.10	Pittards	65	-1	3.1	8.7
114.90	Readicut	59	-2	7.8	9.9
9.73	Renmore	62	...	5.6	6.6
11.70	Richards	50	...	5.0	
2.76	SEET	69	-3		
87.40	Sherwood Gp	78	...	4.3	9.1
7.54	Shiloh	130	+2	9.4	7.9
49.00	Sirdar	91	...	7.7	12.8
45.40	Stirling Grp	52	...	4.7	14.4
27.30	Strong & Fisher	16	...	8.5	
13.50	UK Safety	35	-2	8.9	8.6
9.45	Usher (Frank)	137	+2	7.3	8.1
10.10	Wensum	135	...	3.7	19.7
25.80	Yorklyde	258	...	3.8	11.8

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.79	Air London	85	+1	8.7	12.4
9,874.50	All Nippon Air	684½	-12	0.3	
1,074.90	Assoc Br Ports	284	+12	2.4	18.1
4,903.80	BAA	477	+22	2.5	18.2
167.90	Badgerline	132½	-1½	3.9	
3,829.60	Br Airways	401	+10	3.6	8.9
35.40	Caxeral Trn R	32	+6		
22.80	Clarkson (H)	102	+1	2.1	26.8
22.80	Dart	145	+2	3.4	14.0
1,044.90	Eurotunnel Uts	235	-27		
13.30	Fisher (James)	55	+5	2.3	
132.80	Forth Ports	443	-7	2.2	20.7
97.80	GBT Bus	256	+2	1.9	19.8
64.30	Go-Ahead	176	-½	2.8	19.8
114.60	Goode Durrant	213	...	3.7	18.7
38.10	Isle Steam	127	+2	4.3	8.2
38.20	Jacobs (JI)	56	-1	2.3	
51.20	Lon O'Seas Frgt	70	-1	6.7	1.7
33.90	Mersey Docks	378	+4	3.5	
1,150.70	NFC	166	-3	5.4	16.9
126.80	Nat Express	317	...	3.5	
461.40	Ocean Group	289	+20	6.0	15.1
29.00	Ocean Wilson	73	-1	3.5	10.8
3,527.60	P & O Dfd	585	+19	6.5	16.1
123.30	P & O 5.5%	185	+1	3.7	
21.60	Seacon	87	-3	3.4	45.0
319.70	Stagecoach	214	-3	2.5	21.3
486.10	TNT	85	+3		
254.20	Tibbet & Britten	575	-5	3.2	14.7
307.20	TDG	388	+7½	5.7	13.9
26.60	Ufland	118	+1	2.5	
34.90	Utd Carriers	103	...	6.1	

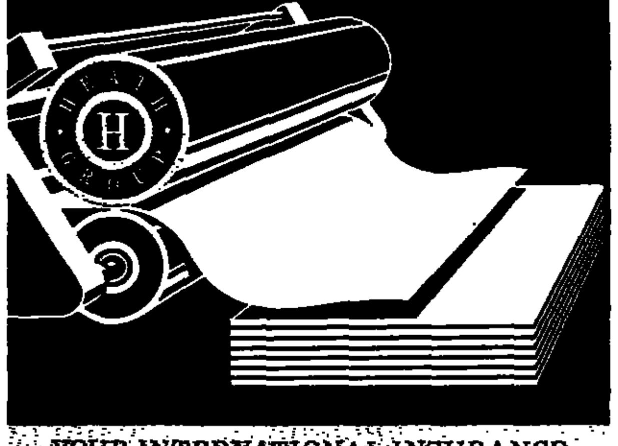
WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,407.40	Anglian	475	+5	6.2	10.7
59.20	Mid Kent Hldgs	348	-1	4.3	11.7
2,006.20	North West	535	...	3.5	7.7
583.00	Northumbrian	840	+32	3.8	9.8
1,851.90	Severn Trent	513	+5	5.7	8.5
121.70	South Staffs	2008	+93	3.2	12.7
655.00	South West	486	+15	6.6	7.3
938.60	Southern	555	+8	5.4	8.0
1,980.00	Thames	495	+7	5.9	7.4
860.00	Welsh	604	+19	5.4	6.7
707.20	Wessex	278	-5	6.6	7.3
1,042.90	Yorkshire	515	+1	5.7	7.6

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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	99¾	+1/16	3.01	8.01
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	101¼		10.12	6.35
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	103¾		12.29	6.57
770	Treas 14% 1996	105⅝	-1/16	13.25	6.80
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	108¾		14.04	7.93
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	106⅝	-1/16	12.44	7.19
3,400	Conv 10% 1996	103⅜	+⅛	9.64	7.62
3,900	Treas 7% 1997	98¼	+⅛	7.12	7.79
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	109	+⅛	12.13	7.67
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	104¾	+¼	10.02	7.70
5,350	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅛	+⅛	8.60	7.91
830	Exch 15% 1997	115⅝	+⅛	12.94	8.03
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⅜	+⅜	9.39	8.15
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	97⅝	+⅛	7.43	8.15
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96½	+⅛	7.02	8.17
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	115⅝	+⅛	12.12	8.30
935	Treas 15½% 1998	121⅝	+⅛	12.72	8.17
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	111⅛	+⅛	10.78	8.32
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	103⅞	+⅛	9.15	8.30
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅞	+⅛	10.85	8.37
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅛	+⅛	9.78	8.38
6,250	Treas 6% 1999	91⅞	+⅛	8.55	8.30
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	106⅞	+⅛	9.59	8.42
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	102⅜	+⅛	8.78	8.38
2,000	Treas 8% 2000	98½	+⅛	8.12	8.31
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	118⅞	+⅛	10.93	8.48
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	106⅞	+⅛	9.36	8.49
7,200	Treas 7% 2001	92⅞	+⅛	7.56	8.44
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	108⅛	+⅛	8.15	8.53
8,250	Treas 8% 2003	97⅛	+⅛	8.23	8.47
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	108⅞	+⅛	9.27	8.53
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112⅞	+⅛	10.18	8.66
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75¾	+⅛	4.64	7.13
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	106⅛	+⅛	8.94	8.52
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	89	+⅛	7.58	8.43
6,400	Treas 8½% 2005	100⅞	+⅛	8.46	8.40
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	106⅞	+⅛	8.91	8.49
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122⅛	+¼	10.20	8.71
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	94⅛	+⅛	8.16	8.42
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	96⅞	+⅛	8.31	8.47
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116⅞	+⅛	10.06	8.72
7,197	Treas 8½% 2007	100⅞	+⅛	8.45	8.42
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129⅛	+⅛	10.44	8.71
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	104⅞	+⅛	8.60	8.41
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	96⅞		8.30	8.40
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	82⅛	+⅛	7.62	8.31
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	105⅛	+⅛	8.56	8.40
5,351	Treas 9% 2012	105⅛	+⅛	8.54	8.39
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75¼	+⅛	7.31	8.16
5,800	Treas 8% 2013	96⅛	+⅛	8.28	8.35
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94⅛	+⅛	8.23	8.36
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	104⅛	+⅛	8.40	8.32
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	131⅛	+⅛	9.11	8.59
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	42⅛	+⅛	8.32	
475	Treas 2½%	29⅛	-⅛	8.58	
INDEX-LINKED					
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	208⅛	+⅛	1.62	3.42
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109⅞	+⅛	2.69	3.64
1,560	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168⅞	+⅛	3.36	3.82
1,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164⅛	+⅛	3.47	3.83
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109⅞	+⅛	3.49	3.83
1,750	Treas IL 2% 2006	171⅛	+⅛	3.58	3.82
1,750	Treas IL 2½% 2009	155⅛	+⅛	3.61	3.84
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	160⅛	+⅛	3.64	3.85
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	132⅞	+½	3.68	3.85
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2016	140⅛	+½	3.68	3.86
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2020	134⅛	+½	3.71	3.86
2,450	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111⅛	+½	3.71	3.85
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110⅞	+½	3.71	3.87

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Graystone, Old Mutual South Africa, Tay Homes. **Finals:** Aran Energy, Brake Bros, Caradon, FBD Holdings, Fitzwilton, Forth Ports, Gaskell, Hammerson, Healthcall, Inchcape, Intermediate Capital, Isle of Man Steam, Monument Oil & Gas, NB Smaller Companies Trust, Nestor-BNA, Michael Page, Pearson, Royal Doulton, Alexander Russell, Sandoz, Sharpe & Fisher, Taylor Nelson AGB, Tele-Cine Cell, T&S Stores, United Energy, Ulster TV. **Economic statistics:** Capital expenditure (Q4 — revised), stocks and work in progress (Q4 — revised).

TOMORROW

Interims: Bridport-Gundry, Burn Stewart Distillers, Intereurope Technology, Lloyd Thompson, Manchester United, Scottish Metropolitan, Udo Hldgs. **Finals:** Arcolectric, Astec (BSR), Badgerline, A&C Black, Bowthorpe, Brixton Estate, Broadcastle, Ciba-Geigy, EBC, Goal Petroleum, Golden Vale, Grosvenor Development Capital, Hemingway Properties, Hobson, Hodder Headline, Iceland Frozen Foods, Intl Business Communications, Jermyn Inv Co, Lamont, Lopex, Macfarlane, Metsec, P&O, Renault, Rotork, Servomex, Taylor Woodrow, Thompson Clive Investments, Total-Compagnie, Wace. **Economic statistics:** British banks' mortgage lending (February).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Adwest, London & St Lawrence, Pressac Holdings, Prestwick, FW Thorpe, Trace Computers. **Finals:** Baronsmead Inv Trust, Blue Circle, Bourne End Properties, Caird, Capital Industries, Chime Communications, Coats Viyella, Croda Intl, EFT, FBD Holdings, Frost Group, Grampian, Harrisons & Crosfield, Norman Hay, Johnston Group, Johnston Press, Meggitt, Next, Ocean, Portmeirion Potteries, Princedale, RJB Mining, Senior Engineering. **Economic statistics:** Gilt auction: £2 billion 8 per cent 2005.

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

Interims: Intl Investment Trust of Jersey, Narborough Plantations, OEM. **Finals:** African Lakes, Ash & Lacy, Atlas Converting, Bardon, Braedon, Calor, Horace Clarkson, GBE Intl, Johnson Fry Holdings, Keller, Macallan-Glenlivet, Proudfoot, Schroder Split Fund, Speciality Shops, Tanjong, Universal Ceramic, Waterford Foods. **Economic statistics:** Monthly (March), economic trends (March), monetary (February).

COMPANIES | PHILIP PANGALOS



Full steam ahead for P&O

P&O: A good improvement from cruising and containers should help P&O, the shipping and property group chaired by Lord Sterling, to steam to a healthy advance in full-year profits when it reports tomorrow.

Cruise shipping should have benefited from increased prices and rising passenger yields. Bulk shipping, having been in the doldrums over the past few years and beset by low freight rates, should have turned the corner and is expected to break even after recent sharp improvements in freight rates. Ferries, which only account for a relatively small part of group profits, are likely to have had a more bumpy ride, not helped by competitive conditions for ferry operators in the wake of the Channel Tunnel opening last year.

The transport team at UBS expects pre-tax profits to rise to £360 million (£260 million), with a maintained dividend of 30.5p anticipated. Forecasts range from £325 million to £375 million.

Further news is awaited on current trading and prospects, as well as any updates on *Oriana*, P&O's latest 69,153-ton cruise liner, which has been built in Germany. *Oriana*, which is the fastest passenger liner to be built in 25 years, with an operating speed of 24 knots, has to undergo sea trials before being named by the Queen in Southampton next month. The maiden cruise is due to leave on April 9, assuming all is ready on time.



Lord Sterling is expected to report a healthy advance in full-year profits by P&O

INCHCAPE: The international motor, marketing and services group has issued two profits warnings in the past year, so the market is already primed for lower full-year profits when the company reports today.

Inchcape, which is the world's largest independent car distributor, said in January that 1994's profits would be at least 10 per cent down on 1993's £252.4 million. UBS is looking for final pre-tax profits to drop to £227 million, with a dividend of 15p (14.8p) predicted. Forecasts range from £225 million to £231 million.

However, a depressed private car market, not helped by the strong yen, and increased promotional spend will have dented profits from the motor division, but this sould be offset by a strong recovery in Inchcape's marketing businesses.

PEARSON: A number of one-off factors will boost today's figures from the publishing and information giant, whose empire spans the *Financial Times* and Penguin Books to Alton Towers and Madame Tussauds.

Pearson has already said it will get a £58 million windfall from its stake in the flotation of the BSkyB satellite television group. The figures should also include a contribution from last year's acquisition of The Software Toolworks, the US interactive entertainment specialist, and Mindscape, its European subsidiary, as well as a full contribution from Extel. A mixed performance is expected elsewhere, with book publishing suffering in Britain and America.

UBS expects final pre-tax profits to jump to £286 million (£208.6 million), and a dividend of 14.3p (13p). Forecasts range from £240 million to £290 million.

BOWTHORPE: Recovery in Europe late last year should boost tomorrow's final pre-tax profits from the electronic and electrical components group to between £59 million and £63 million (£51 million). A dividend of 7.4p (6.9p) is predicted.

TAYLOR WOODROW: The gloomy conditions in Britain should be offset by a strong trading performance in the construction, property and housing group's operations in Australia and America. Tomorrow's final pre-tax profits are expected to advance to £49 million (£30.2 million), according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £45 million to £49 million. A dividend of 2.3p (1.5p) is predicted.

BLUE CIRCLE: The cement and home products group should unveil increased underlying profits when it reports tomorrow.

Chris Grant, of BZW, thinks Blue Circle's UK and US cement operation is "doing quite well", with good volumes, though there is some concern about the sustainability of longer-term return on sales after a good first-half performance.

BZW has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £184 million (£165 million), however, headline profits are expected to come in at £166 million after an £18 million charge against a European Commission price-fixing fine, against which Blue Circle will appeal. Market forecasts range from £184 million to £245 million. A dividend of 11.5p (11.25p) is predicted.

NEXT: The cash-rich fashion retailer should brighten Britain's bleak retail scene by turning in a healthy jump in full-year profits on Wednesday. The company has already reported strong sales from August to December, when retail sales leapt 17 per cent and mail order by 35 per cent.

NatWest Securities expects final pre-tax profits to climb to £103 million (£73.5 million). Forecasts range from £99 million to £105 million. NatWest predicts a dividend of 8p (5.5p).

REDLAND: Thursday's figures from the building materials giant should confirm a strong performance from Germany, which accounts for about half of group profits, but there is concern among analysts that the return on German sales may not be sustainable in the longer term. The UK should also show growth, helped by strong bricks and aggregates, with another reasonable year thought to be in prospect.

BZW expects final pre-tax profits of £365 million (£278.9 million). Market forecasts range from £345 million to £377 million. BZW thinks the dividend will be maintained at 25p, in spite of some rumours of a possible cut.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Focus turns back to rates

This is a week when attention switches from the shape of Britain's recovery to the prospect for interest rates in the United States and Germany. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) begins its two-day meeting tomorrow and the Bundesbank's policy-making council meets on Thursday. Neither central bank is widely expected to signal a rise in interest rates, in spite of recent turbulence on foreign exchanges that has seen the mark soar and the dollar plunge.

The Fed is thought unlikely to raise rates in view of mounting evidence that the economy is beginning to slow and that inflationary pressures remain limited. The dollar's weakness alone is not regarded as justification enough to raise rates.

Last Friday, US durable goods orders fell by 0.8 per cent in February, the first drop for four months. This was taken as evidence that the economy is slowing from the rates regarded as unsustainable by the Fed at the tail end of last year. There have been other straws in the wind including a slower pace in sales and construction of new homes, weaker new car sales and higher stocks of unsold goods.

US statistics this week tend to be second-ranking indicators. February existing home sales figures are out today, the Conference Board's March consumer confidence index is due tomorrow, followed by February new home sales on Wednesday and weekly jobless claims figures on Thursday. Friday sees publication of the minutes of the February FOMC meeting and revisions to fourth-quarter GDP.

German indicators expected this week include January industrial production and manufacturing production, state reports on cost of living in March and a report on import prices for February. Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, has said that inflation remains too high and this week's evidence on price pressures will be keenly watched.

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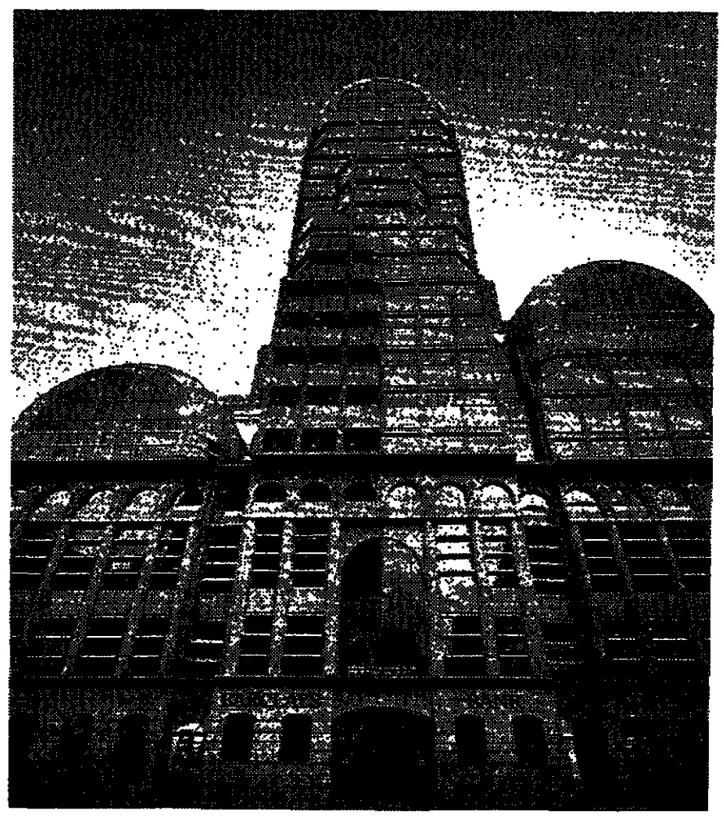
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Campaigners urge L&G shareholders to oust chairman

By Jon Ashworth

BILL GROSVENOR, cousin of Britain's richest man, the Duke of Westminster, has become embroiled in a campaign to depose Sir Christopher Harding as chairman of Legal & General. Grosvenor Byde, a specialist City insurance practice, is urging L&G shareholders to vote for Sir Christopher's dismissal at the annual meeting on May 17.

Fellow L&G directors, including Sir John Egan, chairman of BAA, and Lady Howe, also face calls for dismissal under a requisition planned by the Legal & General Shareholders Action Group. L&G is accused of taking business from introducing agents, then cancelling the agency agreement and dealing direct to avoid commission.

Letters are due to go out this week to 2,300 L&G investors holding more than 10,000 shares each. Proxy votes are being requested in support of a proposal to appoint a reconstituted board with a new chairman.

Grosvenor Byde teamed up with L&G in 1987 to market a Bowls & Tennis Club insurance scheme. L&G later cancelled the agency for Grosvenor Byde and now deals direct with the broker's former clients offering discounted premiums. Kenneth Andrews, a former managing director of Grosvenor Byde, joined the rival broking firm of Sutton Winson last year, and has allegedly been targeting Grosvenor Byde clients.

Gerald Clapp, a director of Grosvenor Byde, said the dispute struck at the heart of broker/underwriter trust: "For years, the City has been built on mutual trust. It's absolutely disgraceful that a company like Legal & General can behave in such a despicable way and get away with it. This is one that's going to go the whole 15 rounds."

Mr Grosvenor, former PR adviser to Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman, called on Sir Christopher with Mr Clapp earlier this month to discuss their grievances. L&G says it can find no evidence to substantiate their claim, adding that all the employees involved had acted properly and in good faith.

The insurance group is facing separate pressure over plans to seek more flexibility in distributing funds to shareholders. Sir John Nott, the former Cabinet minister and past chairman of Lazard Brothers who is a L&G policyholder, believes attempts to set a new basis for transferring shareholders' money out of the long-term life assurance fund might be against the interests of policyholders. At present, any distribution to shareholders is linked to the allocation of bonuses to policyholders.

Northern Electric under pressure

By George Sivell

WYSER-PRATTE, the US fund manager, intends to use Friday's announcement of a review of electricity prices to apply further pressure on Northern Electric by calling a shareholders' meeting.

The aim of the meeting would be to request the board to contemplate a fresh bid from Trafalgar House, and allow shareholders to decide the fate of the company.

Northern said that if enough shareholders wanted a meeting, they would get one. It added that it had not heard from Wyser-Pratte.

Wyser-Pratte is also consulting lawyers about launching an action against Northern's directors for alleged breach of fiduciary duty. The action concerns Northern's special dividend to shareholders of £5 a share made at the height of the £1.2 billion bid battle.

Wyser-Pratte which specialises in arbitrage, owns 965,000 shares, or 0.8 per cent of Northern. It said it was more angry than ever over the rejection by Northern of the bid from Trafalgar House, which was reduced after an announcement two weeks ago by the electricity industry regulator of a further pricing review.

The Americans are irritated by the timetable of events implied by the regulator's announcement on Friday and by Northern's decision to wait until the outcome of the review at the end of June before deciding on whether to consider a new Trafalgar offer. Under City rules, Trafalgar can make a bid before next March only if Northern agrees.

Wyser-Pratte said it was not acting in concert with other shareholders, but added that it was seeking support from them.

It is claimed that about 20 per cent of Northern could be held by similar arbitrage investors seeking to make money by investing in companies facing hostile takeover bids.

Orange put on hold by handset shortage

By Eric Reguly

ORANGE, the smallest but fastest growing of the four mobile phone networks, has a problem that its masters in Hong Kong must find difficult to comprehend. It is desperately short of handsets.

Hutchison Whampoa, the property-to-telecoms conglomerate that owns 65 per cent of Orange, announced last week that the 11-month-old network has signed up 130,000 subscribers, an increase of 30,000 since December. But Orange was not particularly pleased with the figure. Mary Stewart, a spokesman, said: "It would have been considerably higher if we had not suffered from this supply problem."

Orange is laying all the blame on Nokia, the Finnish electronics group that supplies its more expensive range of digital handsets. Nokia, according to Orange, has not received enough microchips to install in the phones, which cost £200 in Britain.

Nokia does not take all the blame. Simon Bennett, Nokia's account manager for Orange, said: "Both parties could not foresee what the total demand for Orange would be."

Ms Stewart, however, denies that Orange is even partly responsible for the bottleneck. "Our forecasting was correct and accurate," she said.

Orange's competitors, Vodafone, Cellnet and Mercury One-2-One, are delighted. They are getting the subscribers who are unwilling to wait as much as three weeks for Orange's Nokia phones.

Nokia says the problem, which surfaced before Christmas, will be corrected within weeks, and Orange wants to keep the phones in its range because they are popular.



Insurers to set up catastrophe funds

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

CATASTROPHE funds, able to cope with multibillion pound insurance claims caused by natural disasters, are to be given the green light by the Government as fears over global warming increase. The plan is expected to be announced by the Treasury in a few months' time.

News of the scheme comes on the eve of the Berlin climate change summit. Ministers from more than 150 countries are meeting to try to cut emissions of the gases linked to global warming beyond 2000.

Storms, cyclones, floods and other natural disasters are now costing insurance companies 14 times more than they did 30 years ago, figures show. Many companies fear their resources will soon be stretched to breaking point. British insurers believe a major flood in London could cost up to £10 billion.

The rise in natural disasters and the intensity of storms, floods and winds are consistent with scientific predictions on climate change caused by rising emissions of carbon dioxide and other man-made pollution.

Andrew Dlugolecki, chief manager at General Accident UK and a member of the Department of Environment's climate change impact review group, said: "The insurance industry has traditionally not been viewed as dealing with mega disasters and events. So to deal with these we need to store up a little money each year to cater for the big one. The Government is just about to introduce legislation on the tax front which will allow money to be put away tax-free into catastrophe reserves to help cope."

The industry plans to finance the scheme by putting aside small amounts of insurance premiums from household and other policies into those special funds.

Dr Dlugolecki, who was speaking at a meeting of environmentalists and insurance experts in Berlin yesterday, said the industry was "just finding a voice on issues of global warming". At least two of the world's big reinsurance firms, Munich Re and Swiss Re, had stated that they believe global warming is a reality.

The threat of rising sea levels and fears that natural disasters will increase are leaving some parts of the world virtually uninsurable.

Dr Dlugolecki said that even if global warming was a myth, the risks were too great to ignore and he urged governments to agree to reduce emissions further. He also called for better flood defence and building designs.

"By the time we do find out if we really have a problem with global warming it may be too late. I come from an industry that would say let's insure against it," he said.



As worries over global warming increase, British insurers fear a major flood in London could cost up to £10 billion

Jury-free fraud trials favoured

By Jon Ashworth

A SIGNIFICANT number of senior British executives think the Serious Fraud Office should be entitled to request a trial without jury in particularly complex fraud cases, according to a survey that suggests white-collar crime remains a serious problem in the UK.

Most of the 106 executives questioned by Ernst & Young in its biennial *Fraud Survey* supported the idea of jury-free court cases tried by judges with specialist knowledge. Last week, a fraud trial in Wales was abandoned after six months at an estimated cost of £2 million after the judge ruled that it was too complex for the jury.

Most respondents were in favour of the controversial powers that permit lawyers and accountants working on SFO cases to obtain access to banking information and require suspects to answer questions without a court order.

About 77 per cent thought the police should also have these powers, and 69 per cent thought their use should be widened to include non-SFO fraud cases.

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, is due to rule on the SFO's future this week. It is expected that the agency will be allowed to continue in its present form, in spite of public anger over a string of expensive flops.

The end of the recession does not appear to have marked a significant fall in levels of fraud, the survey found. Managers are coming under increasing pressure to perform, and the temptation to manipulate results may never have been greater.

Significantly, in the wake of the Barings affair, one-fifth of companies believed they were more at risk within their treasury and derivatives hedging operations than they were in 1989. One in four companies admitted that their internal risk-control systems were probably not up to scratch.

About 61 per cent of respondents had suffered at least one fraud between January 1993 and July 1994. Worst hit were banks, building societies, public transport bodies and gas and telecom companies, with an average of more than 300 frauds each. The typical fraud involved £304,000 with another £76,000 in costs per case. In 49 per cent of cases, the suspected offender was an employee acting alone.

What foreigners fear most

Two key issues will dominate the outlook for gilts. First, can inflation remain low, despite sterling's latest fall? Second, are gilts a safe haven? The answer to both questions is yes, although foreign investors may take time to be convinced.

During the past year, world bonds have been affected by three main fears: higher inflation, rising official rates and budgetary problems. Even though the UK's fiscal position has been improving, gilts failed to escape the inflation worries that drove world bond markets down last year.

In recent months there has been a general improvement in global inflation views, as the US economy has slowed and commodity prices have peaked. Britain's inflation performance has been good, in spite of the rise in the headline rate. Yet misplaced inflation fears linger, fed initially by concerns over supply bottlenecks and sterling's fall.

Of course, sterling needs to be monitored. Producer input prices are rising by an annual 11.4% and there has been a small rise in output prices. CBI price expectations are high, although they have fallen for the past two months.

After sterling's ERM exit the market wrongly expected devaluation to trigger inflation. Similarly, inflation worries may be overdone now. A difference is that when sterling fell from the ERM the economy was very weak, with ample excess capacity. Now, the economy is stronger, and there is less spare capacity. Even so, continued competitive pressures evident in the UK throughout the past year suggest that rising intermediate prices will not feed through fully into factory gate or retail prices.

The same disinflationary

GILT-EDGED

pressures keeping world inflation low will restrain price pressures here. Companies face strong competitive pressures to keep costs down. Subdued wage growth and steady productivity gains point to unit costs remaining low, more than offsetting higher import costs. With wages sluggish, job insecurity high and rate rises adding to debt servicing costs, consumers are price sensitive, limiting the ability of retailers to make higher prices stick.

If there was a strong sustained rebound in domestic demand, then some of sterling's fall could boost inflation. But we are some way from that. There is almost a dual economy in the UK, with export sectors doing well, whilst domestic demand conditions remain tough. This suggests that base rates do not need to rise, in spite of sterling's weakness.

Higher rates require both evidence of a strong rebound in domestic demand as well as sterling's fall. Latest data suggests domestic demand is weakening. In spite of this, I would not be surprised if Bank of England caution triggered a further, final 0.5% rate increase this summer.

A central feature of the favourable global inflation picture is the policy environment. The increasing independence of central banks is allowing them to be more preemptive in curbing inflation. Yet there is the danger of overkill throughout Europe.

We are in a disinflationary international environment, suggesting the inflation fears of last year were overdone and the recent bond rally is justified. However, a more genuine fear is that associated with budget deficits. This contributed to the recent flight to quality in global markets and will ensure that it continues.

A number of First World countries including Canada, Sweden, Italy and Belgium already face poor fiscal positions that will not be solved by economic recovery and which require tax increases or spending cuts beyond the scope of their Governments. This makes default or inflation in the medium-term a serious possibility. Fortunately, Britain is not part of this group as its fiscal trend is good.

The problem for gilts is that in spite of the underlying inflation and fiscal trend, politics may prevent foreign investors from regarding gilts as a safe haven. The immediate danger is not so much a change in Government, however, as a shift towards an easier fiscal policy before the election. And if this was, in turn, offset by further Bank of England tightening, the consequences for gilts would be poor. Politics apart, the outlook for gilts is good.

Gerard Lyons
DKB International

WORD-WATCHING

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THURIFICATION
(c) The act of burning incense, or of filling a room with fumes of burning incense, *from the Latin thus, thuris* frankincense. *Thuriferous* means producing or carrying incense. "I am afraid we shall have to call in the drug squad again, Headmaster. The air in the sixth-form room is positively thuriferous."

BUMBLEPUPPY
(b) A game played with a tennis-ball slung to a post and biffed clockwise and deasil by players with rackets or bats. *In other words, it is the* proper though somewhat archaic name for all those modern, glossily packaged and energetically promoted games with clean-cut names such as Dyna-Ball and Stick-a-Bat. The connotations of bumbling and puppy make bumblepuppy a suitably condescending term with which to put down fitness fanatics. "Ah, I do not believe I have had a game of bumblepuppy since I was at pre-prep school. *Bought it for the kiddies,* have you?"

ANTANAGOGE
(a) A counter-charge made in retort to an adversary's accusation. "It ill becomes you, Morag, to complain about another's alleged action in eating the rest of the chocolate mice when, if you will permit me to lodge an antanagoge, you were the only person present last Friday when an entire packet of crystallised fruit and marshmallow cones, with, if I may refer to a bitter loss, hundreds and thousands, disappeared overnight."

KAMICHI
(a) The horned screamer, a South American bird. "And this is my wife, Kathy — though my friends and I have an affectionate little Japanese nickname for her — Kamichi."

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Adland stumbles upon the conflict of the decade



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Creative advertising folk, like the financial exchanges, are usually ahead of trends. Until the 1980s' Saatchi years of self-confidence, they were also morally neurotic by tradition. The start of a new debate over moral standards in television advertising might therefore be a pointer for business as a whole for the next decade.

Adrian Holmes, chairman of Lowe Howard-Spink and a leading creative talent of his day, launched an opening broadside at an industry conference in the suitably sybaritic surroundings of Monte Carlo. He denounced "the new unpleasantness, the new brutishness, the new yobbishness — the new desire to shock the audience into taking notice by whatever means". The advertisements he complained of featured taboo words and bad taste images. More seriously, they linked anti-social attitudes and behaviour, such as contempt for other people, with their products. Nearly all such ads are aimed at boys or young men, who are assumed to be entirely innocent of virtue or modesty.

Mr Holmes claimed: "I believe commercials do not just sell products. They sell attitudes and behaviour with just the same carefully targeted efficiency." According to *Campaign*, the industry bible, Mr Holmes was the only speaker in two days to elicit a spontaneous round of applause during his speech.

This reaction does not mean that buyers and creators of advertising will necessarily heed Mr Holmes's advice to shun the yobbish tendency. They will surely do that only if, like a notorious lager ad of a few years ago, it fails to sell. A rival argued in *Campaign*: "We do not believe we have any social responsibility — our responsibility is to our clients to help to sell their products." Many a harassed manager would echo that, preferring to remain anonymous.

One way to sell products more effectively is to target a relatively small, specific audience. This audience can be most easily identified, and be made to identify with the product, by excluding the prevailing moral attitudes of everyone else, particularly the traditional family. Programme-makers and magazine publishers do much the same.

Away from young men, for instance, the Prudential has campaigned heavily to sell policies to young married women who might want to divorce their husbands. Its ads are not yobbish but sell behaviour that society as a whole might not wish to encourage. The need is there, however, and therefore also the commercial market. The establishment publishers of what is claimed to be the world's first "explicit lesbian sex guide", explained at last week's launch that "lesbianism is in vogue now".

Ethical dilemmas are as old as business. Anyone trying to trade in the more corrupt parts of the world can testify to that. The more the community can be broken down into smaller groups and target markets, the more people can hide behind the "when in Rome" defence. Mr Holmes's campaign seems, however, to illustrate two separate trends that make management even harder than before. Market pressure is growing for managers to throw their personal morality out of the window and act purely as the amoral "economic man". If they want to do the right thing, rapid shifts in accepted standards will confuse them.

Respect for the elderly is in decline, but respect has grown for women's right to avoid sexual harassment. Most other moral attitudes are much more liberal than they were a generation ago. But cigarette smoking has become anathema in some parts of America. Companies no longer feel responsible for their employees' jobs. But many leading groups now reckon their traditional gifts to the Conservative Party an improper use of shareholders' funds. Ethical investment funds are in constant flux.

Such shifting mists disguise basic market forces. The imperative to act as the "economic man" comes as much from the financial markets, where it is enshrined in trust law, as from normal competition in markets for products and services. For monopoly utilities, most notoriously, pressure from all-powerful institutional shareholders to maximise returns has upset the balance between the interests of customers and investors. Instead of trying to balance these potentially conflicting interests, many utility managers are having to put shareholders first and to leave regulators to bat for consumers. Price limits might increasingly be seen as a minimum, regulatory standards of service or quality as the maximum. If managers do not do this, they are liable to a takeover bid from another management that will. In competitive markets, consumers should not suffer. But vulnerable companies no longer dare, for instance, to provide more for employee pensions than they are obliged to.

In the City, the moral authority of the Bank of England has been worn away by competition. The injunction of the City Takeover Panel that merchant banks and their clients should abide by the spirit of the takeover code, not just its letter, now means nothing. No wonder many free-market champions in the financial services business now want statutory regulation on the lines of America's Securities and Exchange Commission. The press, long pilloried for the excesses brought by competition, avoids legal regulation only because that would conflict with broader freedom of the press.

In adland, the director of advertising at the Independent Television Commission, official arbiter of taste, agrees with Mr Holmes's thoughts but argues for self-restraint and self-regulation. Sadly, that is misplaced. Where market pressures are intense, morality is defined by law or regulation. In the coming decade, for better or worse, there will be a lot more of that.

Patricia Tehan finds TSB's merchant banking arm in confident mood

Hill Samuel is not for sale

Although the "For Sale" sign was officially taken down from Hill Samuel over a year ago, it has not been enough to stop the sale rumours resurfacing. Hugh Freedberg, the chief executive, is clearly irritated that the stock market still does not seem to believe the TSB corporate line since December 1993 that Hill Samuel was an important part of the group. Staff and clients, he insists, have been convinced.

It is easy to understand why doubts persist and why sale rumours are revived each time there is a movement in the share price. Retail banking, not merchant banking is, after all, TSB's core business.

Mr Freedberg was brought in to Hill Samuel from TSB's investment and insurance division in March 1991 to turn the loss-making business around. When he arrived, the bank had a balance sheet of £10 billion, 2,300 staff, and a loan book of £5 billion. It had just unveiled a loss of £40 million for the year to October 31 and in 1991, when he began to address the bad debt problems, the loss increased to £422 million.

TSB had paid £777 million for Hill Samuel in 1987. Since then, losses on Hill Samuel's corporate loan portfolio have been £1 billion between 1990 and 1993.

Mr Freedberg says that when he arrived, it "was a question of all hands to the pump, all fingers in the dike. There was a lot going on in terms of thinking about businesses we wanted to keep, businesses we wanted to shrink, businesses we wanted to close".

Hill Samuel is now a different animal. It has a balance sheet of £5.4 billion, staff of 800, after a series of job cuts and disposals of non-core businesses, and a loan book of £2.2 billion that has just started to grow again.

Mr Freedberg says that the strategy is now to focus on activities that do not tie up large units of capital by lending for the sake of lending.

Hill Samuel is back in profit. It published profits for 1994 from ongoing businesses of £81 million, up from £76 million in the previous year.

Its return on equity last year was 11 per cent, though Mr Freedberg says that it would be closer to TSB's 15 per cent target if capital were not tied up overseas. It will be another three years before it reaches the target.

Mr Freedberg has initiated a disposal programme that has seen Hill Samuel focus on its core banking and asset management operations.

By 1993, most of the remaining Hill Samuel businesses were "doing reasonably well in their particular markets", says Mr Freedberg. But there was no overall strategy and very little crossover.

Hill Samuel is now split into two businesses. Hill Samuel Bank includes corporate banking, corporate finance, private banking, international banking, asset finance and treasury and capital markets. Hill Samuel Asset Management pulled together three fund management activities. These operations made pre-tax profits of £64 million, up 10 per cent on 1993.



Hugh Freedberg says talk of a sale is "damaging internally and externally"

In Hill Samuel Bank, the corporate banking operation is "the business that has undergone the most radical and dramatic change," says Mr Freedberg. "That really was because of the very huge loan loss problems that manifested themselves in 1991."

After he arrived, Mr Freedberg says that the bank underwent a full review of its loan portfolio. He says that most of 1991 and 1992 were spent sorting out the bad portfolio from the good portfolio, "trying to stem the losses".

In April 1991, Charles Barrington was brought in from Brown Shipley to head corporate banking and in July, Clive Badcock came from Swiss Bank Corporation to become new head of credit, a new job. Previously branches were in charge of their own credit risk management.

That autumn, the bank began to ring-fence its bad loans and to put into place a much-needed credit risk policy for lending business. In autumn 1992, a new loan administration unit containing bad debts of £1.8 billion was moved out of Hill Samuel and is separately managed by TSB. Corporate banking has been focused on areas of specialist knowledge, mortgage portfolio sales, trade finance and acquisition finance.

The loan book is now at £2.2 billion and is now starting to grow again. Mr Freedberg says: "The role of corporate banking is to help us identify and build relationships that we can then widen across the bank."

> "We do not have a strategy that will deliver miracles in 12 months"

Corporate finance activity is also picking up again since the uncertainty over its ownership has been removed, says Mr Freedberg. He says that Hill Samuel has begun winning the sort of business that it failed to pick up before.

It has won three Government mandates, advising on the Channel Tunnel rail link, the National Lottery and the privatisation of the BBC's transmission services. Before that, it advised the Government on the privatisation of British Airways in 1986.

The international banking operation opened offices in Hong Kong and South Africa last year. Mr Freedberg says that it is strong in project finance, aerospace finance and shipping finance.

One clear sign of TSB's intention to dispose of Hill Samuel two years ago was its decision in 1992 to separate the treasury operations of the two businesses, which had only been combined as recently as 1988. TSB's treasury operation was relocated to Birmingham, Hill Samuel's remained in London.

The bank has now decided to put the two Treasury operations back together again under a new head, David Pritchard, who joined this month from Royal Bank of Canada. The newly combined Treasury business will be called TSB-Hill Samuel Markets.

Last year, Hill Samuel turned its attention to its fund management operations, whose performance had been, at best, pretty average.

Fund management says Mr Freedberg, is "an integral part of our strategy, but it has also been through a lot of change in the last couple of years". He adds that evidence of TSB's new determination to invest in Hill Samuel can be found in the move of the fund management business to a new building last June.

Until March, the business was made up of TSB Investment Management, Target and Hill Samuel Investment Management. Last year, they were rebranded as Hill Samuel Asset Management and moved into a new office in Fleet Place and adopted a common investment policy.

Mr Freedberg says that the strategy now is to "take full advantage of Hill Samuel's skills combined with TSB Group's capital strength, customer base and distribution capacity". But the rumours continue. The two are not a natural fit. There are few overlaps in the two businesses or in their client bases, and TSB has never been wholeheartedly convincing in any efforts to show that the merchant bank was not for sale during 1993. In fact, Mr Freedberg says that there were some approaches, but they came to nothing.

He says that TSB has now accepted the need to put the past behind it and work with what it has got. "Once the TSB had recognised that the bank had been stabilised and sorted out and there was the makings of a business that, going forward, could grow its contribution to the group profits there was no point in allowing speculation to damage the rehabilitation of the bank," he adds. In a business that is heavily dependent on retaining the confidence of its staff and customers, "that kind of talk is damaging internally and externally", he says.

There is no substance to the recent rumour that Hill Samuel is up for sale, he says. "We find it irritating because there is no substance to it. We wish people would get away from thinking about what happened three years ago. We are stable, we do have a strategy, we have certainty of ownership."

Hill Samuel is trying to put the past behind it, he says, and build for the future. "As far as our clients are concerned, it is not an issue any more. The important thing is that we now continue to make a good contribution to group profitability and improve our profitability, but not by doing silly things. We do not have a strategy that will deliver miracles in 12 months. We are taking a three- to five-year view."

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HANDS up those of you who have been through the Channel Tunnel. And how many of you have travelled in four different modes of transport, wearing pin-stripes, bowler hat and carrying a rolled umbrella? Well, Charles Dampney, a former building analyst with Savory Milln, BZW and Gilbert Elliott, and now with the Lewes broker Burrough Johnstone, where he is head of research, has. Charles walked through the tunnel on "Le Walk" in February last year, he went on a freight shuttle in May, travelled on Eurostar this February and, finally, he made it on the car shuttle two weeks ago. His last jaunt, wearing pin-stripes and bowler hat, certainly enlivened the trip for four Sussex ladies on a day trip to France. They were in the car behind his on the shuttle and were rather surprised to see his impersonation of a male stripper as he changed from pin-stripes to jeans and a sweater for the return journey.

Pep on parade

IF YOU ever doubted Pep managers sleep in the afternoon, here is the proof. Nick Nichols, supremo of PEPMA, the Pep managers' trade body, was caught napping at 4pm last week — in a sleeping bag on Salisbury Plain. His nap was, I'm told, all in his duty for Queen and Country. Nick is a reserve paratrooper with 5 Airborne Brigade, and the night before had been on manoeuvres. So he just happened to be asleep at 4pm when my colleague dialled his mobile number. Nick leapt up rapidly, retrieved his Filofax from his sleeping bag, and then, bright as a button, rattled off his thoughts on the Peps market over the past year. Now, who said Pep chaps always sleep?

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

CHOCOLATE Easter eggs have gone on sale in a Yeovil shop bearing the label: "Free-range, salmonella-free, listeria-free and lead-free. All at no extra charge."

Tiny's legacy

SIR JOHN LEAHY, former Ambassador to South Africa, and thus well used to diplomatic language and coded phrases, was given his first taste on Friday of what an Lonrho annual meeting is like, of which he was the chairman. Somebody shouted "Judas" at him. "Don't worry," he retorted, "that's like water off a duck's back to me. So don't waste your breath." To another, he said "I can actually turn off your microphone if you don't come to the point". And while Tiny Rowland was speaking, an anxious shareholder interjected "I can't hear [Tiny]", to which Sir John remarked to shareholders at large "I am glad he [the shareholder] can't." Sir John, who at the end did offer apologies to anybody he might have offended, has already made it clear he doesn't want to be Lonrho's chairman for ever.

SIR JOHN told the meeting that legal costs for the battle over Harrods had cost £25 million, not between £15 and £18 million as Mr Rowland had said. A shareholder said that he was shocked, after such a lengthy battle, by a photograph showing Tiny "embraced in a West London fish shop" when the Harrods truce was finally declared. To paraphrase Sir Winston Churchill: "Some fish, some shop"...

COLIN CAMPBELL

RADIO CHOICE

A difficult musical birth

Diary of a Composition. *Radio 3, 9.10pm.*

The world premiere of *Ad Ora Incerta*, Simon Bainbridge's setting for mezzo soprano, bassoon and orchestra of four poems by Primo Levi, is broadcast on Radio 3 on Wednesday night. This means that the relay, from the Festival Hall, will come halfway through the five-part *Diary of a Composition* which starts tonight and ends on Friday. Bainbridge commits his thoughts to his tape-recorder. This is a splendid way of chronicling the progress, and lack of progress, he is making with the work. For us the listeners, the audio-diary will give Wednesday's broadcast an additional layer of interest. Tonight's episode gives no hint of the schedule-wrecking blow waiting to fall on the composer's head.

Counterpoint. *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*

It is the grand final of Ned Sherrin's musical quiz. I predict my heart will be pounding in time with those of the contestants: Lucinda Sparrow, Geoff Thomas and Mike Chivers. *Counterpoint* is a fast and furious affair. You would not expect anything else of a programme conducted by Sherrin. The odd joke apart, he keeps his victims' noses to the grindstone. The questions are rarely esoteric, nobody is asked, for instance, to give a work's opus number. A final comment: after much prompting by me (and, I suspect, others) Sherrin now pronounces "questionable" properly. The irritation of his Italian fans has been appeased.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa I'Anson, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Clive Warren, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Alan Parker 10.00 Mark Radcliffe Midnight Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Kelner 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.15 Pause for Thought *9.30 Ken Bruce, including at 10.00* Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Huben Gregg 7.30 Malcolm Laycock with Dance Band Days 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 10.00 Up in Lights: Ron Moody talks about the role of Fagin in *Oliver!* 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Digby Fairweather 1.00 Colin Berry 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 Actuality 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 sport 7.35 Both Sides of the River: the football rivalry between Argentina and Uruguay 8.05 East Midlands Football Forum 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffin 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 7.00 Samantha Meah and Sean Bolger 10.00 Caesar the Geezer 1.00am Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newsdesk 5.30 *The Ghost Horse of Genghis Khan* 5.45 Replace a Disc 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 The Learning World 7.30 Trip to Death and Back 8.00 News 8.15 *The Ghost Horse of Genghis Khan* 8.30 A Fatal Fascination 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Health 9.30 Anything Goes 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Replace a Disc 10.30 Learning 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.01 Trip to Death and Back 11.30 *BBC English 11.45* Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Leos Janáček 1.00 News 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 My Music 1.45 Sport 2.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 *The Ghost Horse of Genghis Khan* 3.45 Miles Kington 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 6.00 News and Business 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Aktuell 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 The Desert of Merv 7.45 Health 8.00 News 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Vintage Chart Show 10.00 News 11.05 Business 11.15 The Soul Show 11.45 Sport 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Multitrack 1.00 News 1.15 A Jolly Good Show 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Folk Routes 2.45 Health 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 My Music 4.00 News 4.15 Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Cick 6.00 Reports 7.00 A to Z of Classical Music 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyte 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am Janey Grace

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Culture and Conflict — Jews and Christian in Renaissance Venice 8.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Chopin (Mazurka in B flat minor, Op 24 No 4); Biber (Battalia a 10 in D); Glazunov (Saxophone Concerto in E flat); Weber (Overture: Oberon); Handel (Troppo cruda, troppa fiera); Ravel (Schéhérazade)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Pierre Boulez at 70. Notations (Pi-Hsien Chen, piano); Don, Pli selon pli (Phyllis Bryn-Julson, soprano); Dialogue de l'ombre double (Alain Damiens, clarinet); Notations (Paris Orchestra)
10.00 Musical Encounters: With Chris Wines. Orff (Wenn ihr nachts aus Taberne, Der Mond); Mozart (Flute Quartet in D); Parry (Love is a Sickness; Music, when soft voices die); Stanford (The Bluebird); 10.29 *Artist of the Week*: Dinu Lipatti, piano; Bach (Partita No 1 in B flat); 10.52 Delius (To be sung on a summer night on the water); Elgar (Love's Tempest; Go, song of mine); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21 in C)
12.00 Singing in the Ruins: The Vienna State Opera company 1945-1955 after the bombing of its home theatre
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert: Vellinger Quartet performs Britten (Three Divertimenti); Schubert (String Quartet in A minor)
2.00 Schools: 20th-Century Soundbites 2.15 Storybox 2.25 Let's Move 2.45 First Steps in Drama
3.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Dmitri Sitkovetsky: Strauss (Sextet; Capriccio); Schubert (Rondo in A); Rachmaninov (Vocalise)
3.45 Music for Organ: Ian Hare on the organ at Carlisle Cathedral
4.30 Time and Changes: The pianist and composer Stan Tracey (4/8)
5.00 The Music Machine: From Toothill School in Nottinghamshire
5.15 In Tune: Puccini (Preludio; La Tregenda, Le Villi); Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); D'Indy (Symphony on a French Mountain Song); Mozart (Violin Sonata in G)
7.30 Northern Sinfonia under Richard Hickox. Britten (Suite on English Folk Tunes: A Time There Was); Vaughan Williams (Flos campi); Britten (Quatre chansons françaises); Vaughan Williams (Riders to the Sea)
9.10 Diary of a Composition: See Choice
9.30 Hagen Quartet: Haydn (String Quartet in F minor, Op 20 No 5); Puccini (Crisantemi); Beethoven (String Quartet in C sharp minor, Op 131)
10.45 Mixing It: Highlights from the second New Aura concert at London's South Bank featuring post-pop trio Disco Inferno
11.30-12.30am Music Restored: Vocal ensemble Red Byrd with a programme of music by Purcell, John Blow and Pelham Humfrey
1.00-1.30 Night School: Scene on Radio — *Nature of the Beast* by Jani Howker: Drama

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today including 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 History File 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, presented by Melvyn Bragg and Jane Thynne. With Simon Callow, Po Bronson, Leslie Felperin and Nick Kent
10.00-10.30 News; Dear Diary (FM only): Anne Harvey introduces the 19th-century journals of five young girls
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): Places of Worship. A new spiritual anthology
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the conductor Andrea Quinn
11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444
12.00 News; You and Yours: With Daire Brehan
12.25pm Counterpoint: See Choice 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One: With Nick Clark
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Tree of Liberty: A four-part detective series by Nigel Baldwin, set in Amiens in 1792
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Nathalie Wheen reads a new biography of the American lyricist Lorenz Hart and reviews a collection of recent reissues on CD
4.45 Short Story: Sheer Hell, by Michael Carson
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz, with Barry Took, *Times* columnist Alan Coren, Nick Clarke, Simon Hoggart and Jeremy Hardy (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Strip. Phyllis Nagy's play about gamblers drawn to Las Vegas opened this month at the Royal Court Theatre in London, and in this collaboration with Radio 4, the stage cast performs a radio version of the play. With Nicholas Farrell, Amanda Boxer and Cheryl Campbell
9.15 Letters from Another Time: Michael Goldfarb presents the first of a three-part series of letters that might have been written over the last 25 years. In May 1970, four students were shot dead at Kent State University in Washington DC
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Gulf. Robert Westall's story, read in five parts by Paul Panting
11.00-11.30 The Travellers' Souk (FM only): Aminatta Forna and Robert Elms look at the dos and don'ts of selling a travel article (r)
11.00-11.30 Education Matters (LW only)
11.30-12.00 The Vacillations of Poppy Carew: Final part of the dramatisation of Mary Wesley's novel (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2 RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM-97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198Khz (12.45am-5.55am). CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Money

In truth, nothing succeeds like a failure

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Halfway through Saturday night's glorious **Bookmark** on the heritage of *Don Quixote* (BBC 2), a rather dreadful image appeared. It was Peter O'Toole in that curiously neglected 1972 screen version of *Man of La Mancha*, singing the song about the impossible dream — and for various reasons, it was enough to stop the blood, unseat the reason. The thick, pale make-up, for a start, was so ghastly to behold it encouraged thoughts of the beard and eyebrows sprouting after death. The singing was, naturally, very bad. And the singer, aware that his entire face might lurch off sideways if he made a sudden move, was rigid with worry, the eyes signalling "help, help" behind the mask.

All this sat rather oddly with the *words of the song*. "*This is my quest!*" Don Quixote resolved, heroically. "To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause!" As was pointed out by a number of commentators, *Man of La Mancha* was not the best representation of Cervantes's hero, since it somehow forgot to mention that *Don Quixote* is about failure. But at least *The Impossible Dream* was a hymn to imagination and idealism — the qualities which Don Quixote might embody to the point of madness, but without which human life would be unbearable. Evidently Norman Schwarzkopf chose *The Impossible Dream* for *Desert Island Discs*. I was really glad to know that. It proved that tilting at windmills is a political condition as well as a human one.

This was a witty film teeming with clips from television versions, movies, operas, cheap cartoons, plus glimpses of images on *Spanish tiles, buses, freight lorries; and* Doré, Daumier, Picasso. But this *Bookmark* also cleverly never left the book for long, returning to interviews with writers who spoke passionately about this "first modern novel" published in the early years of the 17th century. A.S. Byatt, Ben Okri and Carlos Fuentes are all Cervantes fans; Fuentes re-reads *Don Quixote* annually, *around Easter. This is clearly a* story in which readers endlessly discover their own image. Dostoevsky, for example, called *Don Quixote* the most melancholy of all books (well, he would, wouldn't he?); while Okri finds in it the salvation of imagination. "In fiction," *said that wise old cove* Fuentes (quoting somebody else), "truth is saved by a lie."

Truth saved by a lie — that's very good; it makes you think. But it's also the definition of a joke. Looking around at the fictions on offer this weekend, it was in some cases hard to see what truths they were saving by making things up. Take *The Choir*, for example. (Please.) Guy Jenkin's one-off, **A Very Open Prison** (BBC 2), was a light, brilliant satire on recent *news* events, but it delighted most when the parallels with reality were closest — when the leap between fiction and truth was a short step. Tom Wilkinson as the fraught Home Secretary arrived at a hostage negotiation. "Those bastard reporters! Can't you confiscate their identity cards?" "Identity cards?" "Yes. Sorry. Thinking ahead."

A Very Open Prison was alight with good jokes, and didn't miss a trick. Open the Home Secretary's hate-book at "prisons" and it was all there — from a miraculous *recovery from Alzheimer's* ("*You* couldn't act a bit more senile in public, could you?") to Lord Longford shuffling about and getting himself locked in. A serial killer tries to brain himself by charging repeatedly at his cell door. Curious about the noise, a warden opens it, and the killer charges past and plummets over a balcony. An escaped psychopathic poisoner (played energetically by Stephen Tompkinson) pooh-poohs the scare stories about him wanting to "decimate" whole cities, but only because he knows that decimate means reduce by a tenth, which is not enough. "Perhaps I shall octimate them," he muses, manically, "even bi-mate!"

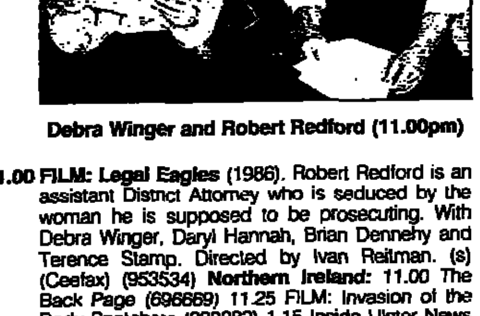
This film was made quickly, as a "rapid response", and from this perspective alone, was a triumph. Since it became an ersatz movie industry, television drama is deadly slow. One's expectation, as a viewer, is that whatever appears on the *screen was filmed a year ago at* least. That *A Very Open Prison* smelt of fresh air instead of Shake 'n' Vac made a very pleasant change.

Meanwhile, a star was born last night in the first episode of **Hamish Macbeth** (BBC 1). I refer, of course, to Wee Jock, the West Highland terrier who accompanies thin, laconic policeman Robert Carlyle on his country rounds, rather in the manner of the black and white cat in *Postman Pat*. Wee Jock's real name is Zippy, and though a newcomer to television, he sets the tone of the series beautifully by being cute and harmless, with occasional growls and flashes of teeth. Hamish sometimes sleeps in a chair out of deference. "I didna have the heart ta disturb Wee Jock," he says. Quite right, too.

Hamish Macbeth is a sort of *Local Hero* for television, only *without the hope of Burt Lancaster* showing up. Here are wily Scots coexisting harmoniously, attractively eccentric, with violence (even murder) mainly a source of humour. A chinless English publisher is knocked out by Hamish off-screen. "Ah, he was bobbin' when he should have been weavin'," tut-tuts a local, helping the loser back indoors. Meanwhile Hamish is an unlikely character for the waifish Robert Carlyle, best known for his skinhead psychopath in *Cracker*. Carlyle has a great face, mixing strength and vulnerability; he is also good at comedy. But I have to say I kept imagining John Gordon Sinclair in the part. Sometimes you just can't help it.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (56350)
7.00 Breakfast News (95704466)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (5855737)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7240718) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (8240621) **10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine (7592485)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1008176) **12.05pm Pebble Mill Special** focusing on the 67th Annual Academy Awards (s) (7874089) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (15407195)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (Ceefax) (33114) **1.30 Neighbours** (s) (Ceefax) (77151669)
1.50 Going for Gold with the debonair Henry Kelly (s) *(77155485)* ***2.15 Knots Landing****. Alex makes* trouble for Joseph. (s) (1933621)
3.00 Today's Gourmet: A Melting Pot Menu (1783)
3.30 Cartoon (2515911) **3.45 Bodger and Badger** (s) (2510466) **4.00 Jackanory: Camel**. Bill Paterson narrates the story of God's first mistake, one of five tales commissioned from the Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes. (s) (4826737) **4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (s) (Ceefax) (6872195) **4.35 Tomorrow's World** (r) (Ceefax) (1143379)
5.00 Newsround (2831263)
5.05 Blue Peter (s) (Ceefax) (6637911)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (s) (Ceefax) (544094) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster (544094)
6.00 Six O' Clock News and Weather (Ceefax) (911)
6.30 Regional news magazines (263) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (263) Inside Ulster News (805008)
7.00 That's Showbusiness. Showbiz quiz with Phil Middlemiss, Liz Smith, Ricky Tomlinson and John Moloney. (s) (Ceefax) (5282)
7.30 Watchdog. Includes an investigation into face creams (s). (Ceefax) (447)
8.00 EastEnders. Geoff and Michelle have something to celebrate. (s) (Ceefax) (1602)
8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Comedy with Nicholas Lyndhurst, Dervla Kirwan and Victor McGuire. (s) (Ceefax) (1927)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (Ceefax) (1447)
9.30 Panorama: Profits on Tap. Investigating the privatisation of water companies. (Ceefax) (899331)
10.10 The Queen in South Africa. The first visit by a reigning British monarch in 48 years. (s) (434553)

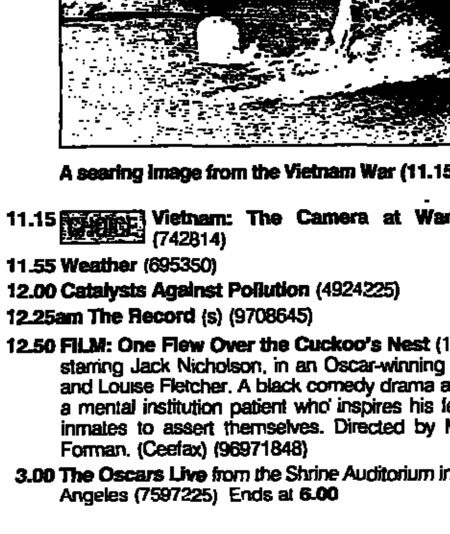


Debra Winger and Robert Redford (11.00pm)

11.00 FILM: Legal Eagles (1986). Robert Redford is an assistant District Attorney who is seduced by the woman he is supposed to be prosecuting. With Debra Winger, Daryl Hannah, Brian Dennehy and Terence Stamp. Directed by Ivan Reitman. (s) (Ceefax) (953534) **Northern Ireland:** 11.00 The Back Page *(696669)* 11.25 FILM: Invasion of the Body Snatchers (233282) 1.15 Inside Ulster News (1259003) Wales: 11.00 Face Off (192535) 11.35 FILM: *Legal Eagles (554447) 1.30 News Headlines*, Weather (6235935)
12.55am Weather (1295393)

BBC2

6.20 Open University (70214379)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6134379) **8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sarah Baxter** (s) (4615602)
9.00 Daytime on Two Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (8268027) **1.45** Words and Pictures (25730195) **2.00** Tales of Aesop (65389195) **2.05** Rupert (87575263)
2.15 FILM: Resting Place (1986) starring John Lithgow. A drama about an officer's fight to have a black Vietnam War hero buried in an all-white cemetery during the 1970s. Directed by John Korty. (Ceefax) (220242). Includes, at **3.00, News** and weather **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (8422805)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (176)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (260)
5.00 Esther. Studio discussion series (s) (3060)
5.30 Catchword with Paul Coia (s) (640)
6.00 FILM: Angels One Five (1954, b/w) starring Jack Hawkins and Michael Denison. Battle of Britain drama directed by George More O'Ferrall (62502534)
7.35 Wildlife On Two: Sea Snakes — Friend or Foe? David Attenborough narrates this documentary about the 50 species of sea serpent (579331)
8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: The i-Bomb.** (Ceefax) (s) (380466)
8.50 Russian Wonderland. A profile of Polina Koslova, a Muscovite working for an American cosmetics company. (Ceefax) (428553)
9.00 Bottom starring Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayall (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9089)
9.30 Game On. Comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (81350)
10.00 Ruling Passions — Sex, Race and Empire. A series on the sexual history of British imperial rule. (Ceefax) (62737)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (137398)



A searing image from the Vietnam War (11.15pm)

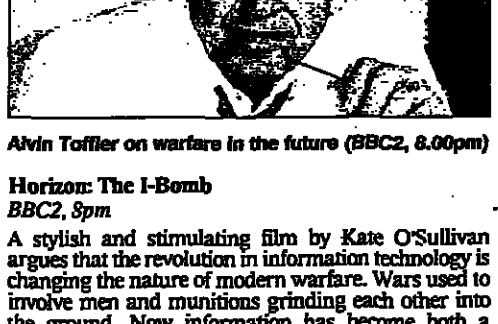
11.15 CHOICE **Vietnam: The Camera at War** (s) (742814)
11.55 Weather (695350)
12.00 Catalysts Against Pollution (4924225)
12.25am The Record (s) (9708645)
12.50 FILM: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975) starring Jack Nicholson, in an Oscar-winning role, and Louise Fletcher. A black comedy drama about a mental institution patient who inspires his fellow inmates to assert themselves. Directed by Milos Forman. (Ceefax) (96971848)
3.00 The Oscars Live from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles (7597225) Ends at **6.00**

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CHOICE

Vietnam: The Camera at War
BBC2, 11.15pm

Although television footage of the war in Vietnam had the immediate impact, the still photographs stay longer in the memory. This programme recalls ten of the most famous and talks to the photographers who took them. The images, including a monk who set fire to himself, the *My Lai massacre and the little girl* running burnt and naked from the battle, are fine examples of the photographer's art which also helped to turn American public opinion against the war. But there were misgivings. Should photographers have helped the stricken instead of taking pictures of them? In calling war photographers mercenaries and pornographers, Tim Page, a news agency cameraman *injured in Vietnam, takes the point.*



Alvin Toffler on warfare in the future (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Horizon: The I-Bomb
BBC2, 8pm

A stylish and stimulating film by Kate O'Sullivan argues that the revolution in information technology is changing the nature of modern warfare. Wars used to involve men and munitions grinding each other into the ground. Now information has become both a central resource of warfare and a prime target. This, it is claimed, is what made the Gulf War different. The aim was to destroy Saddam Hussein's radar, telephone system and command centres, while television was manipulated by the American military to project images of smart, clean-technology. The programme looks forward to bloodless wars, in which *disabling a country's computer network will be more* important than bombing its cities.

Undercover Britain
Channel 4, 9.30pm

When Barry Anderson's business failed three years ago he was forced to live in a mobile home on a caravan site. He knew it would not be luxurious. He was not prepared for how *bad it was. The plumbing* was primitive, the electrics dangerous and raw sewage was dumped within smelling distance of the residents. With a hidden camera Anderson returns to the scene and discovers that nothing has changed. It peeves him particularly that this squalor is being supported by public money, the £45 a week which the local council pays to the owner for housing people on state benefit. Anderson finds a similar picture at two other sites. In true Roger Cook fashion he confronts the owners and invites them to explain. Stand by for ructions.

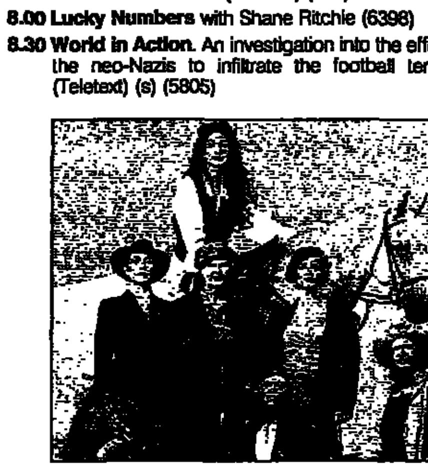
Deadline
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Can it be that Richard Whiteley, the genial host of *Countdown*, is wearing a Bruce Forsyth? A serious bet has been placed that the hair which adorns his head may not be his own. The wager is revealed as Whiteley smooths down his thatch, real or otherwise, before interviewing John Prescott at the Labour Party Conference. Whiteley is on duty for Yorkshire Television's regional news show, *Calendar* and, off camera at least, he rarely stops laughing, even when a hitch in the satellite link threatens to black out his story. Apart from Whiteley's chats with Labour stars, *Calendar* has a silly item about the posh food dished up to pigs and a serious one about a diabetic who has died in police custody.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (77331)
9.25 Chain Letters (3641805) **9.55 London Today** (8245176)
10.00 The Time... the Place with John Stapleton (s) (7370756)
10.35 This Morning (26937027) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1097060)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2576843)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (2551534) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (57468350)
1.55 Capital Woman (s) (35338843) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (74105824)
2.50 Carlton People. Fiona Oates presents the monthly programme dealing with concerns and campaigns of people in the region (7623398) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (6452737) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6451008)
3.30 Rainbow (s) (2526027) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (8420447) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (s) (1874693) **4.15 Hurricanes** (r) (s) (6866534) **4.40 Terror Towers** (Teletext) (s) (9490621)
5.10 After 5 with Mary Nightingale (Teletext) (6621350). Followed by **The Missing File**
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (318756)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (231114)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (379)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (331)
7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers presented by Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes (s) (6850)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (843)
8.00 Lucky Numbers with Shane Ritchie (6398)
8.30 World in Action. An investigation into the efforts of the neo-Nazis to infiltrate the football terraces. (Teletext) (s) (5805)

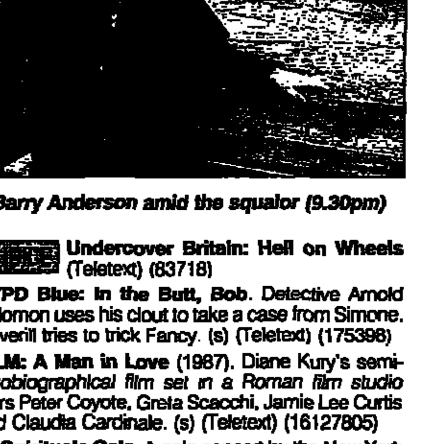


Diamonds are the girls' best friend (9.00pm)

9.00 She's Out. Dolly has to discover the identity of the police informer within her ranks. (Teletext) (s) (2669)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (59263)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (214089)
10.40 Sport in Question. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves are joined by Graham Kelly, chief executive of the FA, *David Lloyd and sportswriter Steve Curry (s)* (863176)
11.40 The Equalizer starring Edward Woodward (r) (704992)
12.45am Endsleigh League Extra (4222596)
1.30 Sport AM. Includes the English Basketball Championships from Sheffield (3546312)
2.25 Quiz Night (7031751)
2.50 FILM: Afraid to Dance (1988) starring Nique Needles and Rosey Jones. When a teenager is sacked, beaten and robbed, he decides to cut his losses and leave the city. Directed by Denny Lawrence (5333770)
4.20 Profile of the Scottish-based band The Almighty (s) (61642190)
4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (76162848)
4.55 The Time... the Place (r) (s) (7257003)
5.30 ITN Morning News (96848). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Spiff and Hercules (2571114)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (23737)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show with Bill Cosby (r) (s) (69640)
9.30 Schools Geography Starts Here (5949176) **9.46** Talk, Read and Write (5962027) **10.02** Stage Two Science (6505911) **10.20** Place and People (1375060) **10.40** The English Programme (7887981) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (6303114) **11.15** The Music Show (6954466) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4579843) **11.45** Junior Technology (4574398)
12.00 Right to Reply (r) (s) (Teletext) (56176)
12.30pm Sesame Street. The guest is Robin Williams (32737) **1.30 Little Miss** followed by **Paddington, Frootie Tootles** and **The Wombles** (95553)
2.00 Lost Children of Angola. A study of the effects of Africa's longest and least-known war on parents and children. (r) (Teletext) (80534)
3.00 The Late Late Show. With Gay Byrne (s) (4719331)
3.55 Gardens Without Borders: Italy (r) (s) (Teletext) (5182263)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers with Richard Whiteley. (s) (Teletext) (756)
5.00 The Golden Girls: Foreign Exchange. Dorothy's parentage is in doubt (r) (Teletext) (8756)
5.30 Nurses: Seize the Date. Dr Kaplan's feelings for Gina change dramatically (r) (s) (Teletext) (468)
6.00 The Cosby Show: Clair's Reunion. Clair and her old classmates reminisce about the past, while Cliff has a beauty makeover. (r) (Teletext) (621)
6.30 NEW **Hangin' With Mr Cooper: Call Me Irresponsible**. (s) (Teletext) (973)
7.00 Channel 4 News. Followed by Weather (Teletext) (146718)
7.50 The Slot (120114)
8.00 The Kichepo Stick Fighters. Documentary about a tribe which lives in the Boma wilderness of Sudan, untouched by the 20th century. (Teletext) (7640)
8.30 Only When I Laugh. Hospital comedy (Teletext) (3447)
9.00 CHOICE **Whose News?: Deadline** (s) (Teletext) (7485)



Barry Anderson amid the squalor (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Undercover Britain: Hell on Wheels** (Teletext) (83718)
10.00 NYPD Blue: In the Butt, Bob. Detective Arnold Solomon uses his clout to take a case from Simone. Haverill tries to trick Fancy. (s) (Teletext) (175398)
10.55 FILM: A Man in Love (1987). Diane Kury's semi-*autobiographical film set in a Roman film studio* stars Peter Coyote, Greta Scacchi, Jamie Lee Curtis and Claudia Cardinale. (s) (Teletext) (16127805)
1.00am Spirituals Gala. A gala concert by the New York Metropolitan Orchestra and Chorus, under James Levine, featuring a mix of classic and rare spirituals. (r) (s) (485393)
2.35 FILM: Night Nurse (1931, b/w). Barbara Stanwyck *is a private nurse who uncovers a sinister plot while* looking after two young children. Directed by William A. Wellman. Ends at **3.50** (8180436)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (8245176) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1097060) **1.55** A Country Practice (77149824) **2.20** Houseparty (74197805) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7623398) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6451008) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6621350) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (287244) **10.30** Anglia *News* (214089) **10.40** The Magic and Mystery Show (609114) **12.10am** Coach (4930886) **12.40** Endsleigh League Extra (4223225) **1.25** Tough Enough (309409) **3.10** Sport AM (8270515) **4.00** The Time... the Place (5422886) **4.35** Yan Can Cook (76161119) **5.00** Wanted Dead or Alive (62428)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (8245176) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1097060) **1.55** A Country Practice (77149824) **2.20** Look and Cook (74197805) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7623398) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6451008) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6621350) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (287244) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (214089) **11.40** The Monday Night Fight (704992) **12.45am** Endsleigh League Football Extra (4222596) **4.20** Jobfinder (9673374) **5.20** Asian Eye (7721732)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (8245176) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (1097060) **1.55** Gardening Calendar (35338843) **2.25-3.20** Highway to Heaven (3519089) **5.10-5.40** Yan Can Cook (6621350) **6.30-7.00** HTV *News* (331) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (214089) **11.40** Spotlight (635718) **12.10am** The Powers That Be (8459867) **4.20** Jobfinder (3537480)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (8245176) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (1097060) **1.55-2.25** Baby Talk (35338843) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (331) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (214089) **11.40** *Jazz! Jazz! Jazz!* (635718)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (8245176) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1097060) **1.55** A Country Practice (77149824) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (4013331) **5.10** Home and Away (6621350) **5.37** Three Minutes - The Listings (211350) **5.40** ITN News; Weather (645517) **6.00** *Meridian Tonight* (379) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (331) **10.30** Meridian News (214089) **10.40** The Trek (609114) **12.10am** Coach (4930886) **12.40** Endsleigh League Extra (4223225) **1.25** Tough Enough (309409) **3.10** Sport AM (8270515) **4.00** The Time... the Place (5422886) **4.35** Yan Can Cook (76161119) **5.00** Freescreen (62428)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (8245176) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1013008) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1012379) **1.55** Gardeners' Diary (35338843) **2.25** The Young Doctors (74196176) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6451008) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6621350) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (73331) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (214089) **11.40** Crime Story (704992) **4.20am** Jobfinder (3537480)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (8245176) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire. Calendar News and Weather / Brisdale Network North (1097060) **1.55** A Country Practice (77149824) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (74197805) **2.50** Help Yourself (9931640) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7539379) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire Calendar News / Brisdale. Network North *(6451008)* ***5.10-5.40*** *Home and Away* (6621350) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (507485) **6.30-7.00** Enterprize 95 (331) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (214089) **10.40** A Brush With Ashley (609114) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (752756) **1.05am** Ragen (486022) **2.40** The New Music (7914480) **3.35** The Chart Show (8639916) **4.30** Jobfinder (33596)

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Starts: 7.00 *The Big Breakfast* (23737) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (69640) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (957176) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (56176) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Caffi Sali Mali (32737) **1.30** Alien Nations (95553) **2.00** The Spy In Black (12027) **3.30** The Pharmacist (8029379) **3.55** Gardens Without Borders: Italy (5182263) **4.30** Board Stupid (756) **5.00** 5 Pump Iasaur (7627640) **5.15** 5 Pump Amlunaethau G ionw Gwyrdd *(6418992)* **5.30** Countdown (468) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (966398) **6.15** Heno (917973) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8992) **7.30** Sgorio (82756) **8.30** Newyddion/news (3447) **9.00** Taro Naw (7485) **9.30** Roseanne Sisters (83718) **10.00** Nypd Blue In the Butt, Bob (175398) **10.55** A Man In Love (16127805) **1.00am** Dead West. The War on the American Desert (74751) **1.30** Diwedd/close (666461) **4.00** *Ysgolion/schools* (7058138)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show (84805) **8.00** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (65927) **8.30** Blockbusters (15468) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (20447) **10.00** Concentration (45485) **10.30** Card Sharks (83244) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (62640) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (15404) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (16060) **1.00** St Elsewhere (44843) **2.00** Trade Winds (46114) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (6767027) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (9224466) **4.30** Mighty Morphin *Power Rangers (7756)* ***5.00*** *Star Trek: Deep* Space Nine (7669) **6.00** Murphy Brown (8621) **6.30** Family Ties (9973) **7.00** Rescue (8398) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8485) **8.00** Hawkeye. First of a two-part pilot episode (85114) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (64621) **11.00** David Letterman (392398) **11.50** Littlejohn (348927) **12.40am** Chances (3933916) **1.30** WKRP (28645) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play (8512652)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1071331) **9.30** O.J. Simpson Trial (5547114) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (5417783) **11.00** News (407756) **1.30pm** CBS News (68379) **2.30** Parliament Live (407621) **5.00** Live at Five (8917621) **6.05** Littlejohn (2352756) **7.30** O.J. Simpson Trial (6526534) **12.30am** CBS News (9330596) **1.10** CBS 60 Minutes (9067138) **2.30** *Parliament (32393)* ***4.30*** *CBS News (60428)* **5.30-6.00** ABC News (54886)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (1921331) **10.00 A Child Too Many** (1993) (27178) **12.00 Are You Being Served?** (1977) (675027) **1.55pm Table for Five** (1983) (96236553) **4.00 Bushfire Moon** (1987) (2973) **6.00 A Child Too Many** (1993): As 10am (75737) **8.00 Malcolm X** (1992) (1865089) **11.20 American Cyborg: Steel Warrior** (1992) (193350) **12.55am Doppelganger** (1992) (488374) **2.40 Sheena** (1984) (200225) **4.35-6.00 Are You Being Served?** (1977). As noon (5352935)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Fuzzy Pink Nightgown (1957) (31331) **8.00 Stripes** (1981) (43176) **10.00-12.00 How to Get Ahead in Advertising** (1989) (36398)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am . While the City Sleeps (1956) (52963) **8.00 Goldilocks and the Three Bears:** Cartoon (61331) **9.00 The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (1985)' Animation (46485) **10.00 The Lawless Breed** (1952) (4440027) **11.25 Let's Make Love** (1960) (56749241) **1.25pm Hong Kong** (1951) (68141089) **3.00 Stage Struck** (1957) (72537805) **4.35 Goldilocks and the Three Bears:** As 8am (4043973) **5.35 The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (1985): As 9am (6388534) **6.50 UFO Café** (1990) (57346973) **8.30 UK Top Ten** (9263) **9.00 The Fugitive** (1993) (43112992) **11.10 Whispers in the Dark** (1992) (860485) **12.55am Citizen Cohn** (1992) (118003) **2.45 Praying Mantis** (1992) (796683) **4.15-6.00 UFO Café** (1990): As 6.50pm (406848)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Max Out (78909) **7.30** British Basketball (42027) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (45911) **10.00** The Big League (34350) **11.30** World Sport Special (95027) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (98337) **12.30pm** ATP Tennis (50195) **2.30** Football: U-21 between *Republic of Ireland and England (37414398)* **5.15** WWF Mania (513398) **6.15** Soccer News (319440) **6.30** One to One (9911) **7.00** Football: U-18 England v Wales (18843) **9.00** Football: Republic of Ireland v England (75263) **10.30** Soccer News (409195) **10.45** Football Special (309553) **11.30** Football: U-18 England v Wales (502008) **12.15-2.00am** Fish Tales (697490)

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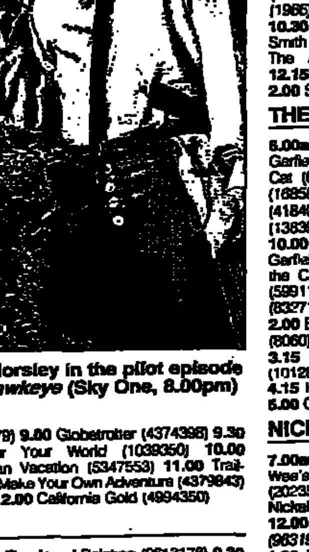
7.30am Funboard (84640) **8.30** Triathlon (85447) **10.00** Athletics (28486) **11.00** Formula One (86602) **12.00** Motorcycling (20602) **1.00pm** Football (62176) **3.00** Eurofun (5981) **3.30** Funboard (21718) **4.30** Formula One (79060) **5.30** Motorcycling (75718) **6.30** Eurosport News (1379) **7.00** Speedworld (78981) **9.00** Football (80331) **10.30** Boxing (98824) **11.30** Europol Magazine (56060) **12.30-1.00am** News (58138)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (4823973) **8.30** Peyton Place (4822244) **9.00** As the World Turns (4036602) **10.00** Guiding Light (9332089) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9345553)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Israel (4826060) **12.30pm** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (1059114) **1.00** The Great Escape (8356669) **1.30** Cook Italian (1058485) **2.00** California Gold (7612008) **2.30** Israel (4485114) **3.00** Scenes of Serenity (4368379) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (4476466) **4.30** Zoo Life (4465350) **5.00** Trailside (7696060) **5.30** Cook Italian (4456602) **6.00** Globetrotter (4485843) **6.30** Discover Your World (4477195) **7.00** American Vacation (5349282) **8.00** Around the World (7692244) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (7611379) **9.00** Globetrotter (4374398) **9.30** Discover Your World (1039350) **10.00** American Vacation (5347553) **11.00** Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (4379843) **11.30-12.00** California Gold (4994350)



Lee Horsley in the pilot episode of *Hawkeye* (Sky One, 8.00pm)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (2613176) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (5824992) **10.00** Being There (2645350) **10.30** Only Only Human (1913553) **11.30** No Place Like Home (9563355) **12.00** Decisions, Decisions (2626640) **12.30pm** Cholesterol — Sex, Lies and Coronaries (5835008) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (8213114) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (5834379) **2.00** Jimmy's (2715669) **2.30** Park High (1761447) **3.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? (2794176) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (1766992)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (8263973) **7.30** Neighbours (8202008) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2625911) **8.30** EastEnders (2624282) **9.00** The Bill (2615534) **9.30** Flesh and Blood (5634718) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (1915911) **11.30** Going for Gold (7763373) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2635398) **12.30pm** *Neighbours (5837466)* ***1.00*** *EastEnders* (8282244) **1.30** The Bill (5836737) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (2717027) **2.30** My Wife Next Door (1763805) **3.00** Knots Landing (9668909) **4.00** Dallas (7736574) **5.00** Going for Gold (98455718) **5.25** XYZ (98487553) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (4591027) **6.30** EastEnders (1788114) **7.00** Hi-De-Hi (6979669) **7.55** The Dick Emery Show (3797263) **8.20** FILM: That Riviera Touch (1965) (38858824) **10.00** The Bill (2636027) **10.30** Top of the Pops (6397331) **11.05** Alas Smith and Jones (5327027) **11.45** Dr Who: The Ambassadors of Death (5001089) **12.15am** FILM: Skylark (1992) (1889041) **2.00** Shopping (3217799)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (8777447) **6.55** Garfield and Friends (7237621) **7.25** Eek the Cat (6225282) **7.55** Degrassi Junior High (1695814) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (4184008) **8.45** Casper and Friends (1383911) **9.00** Sesame Street (26669) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (87911) **12.00** Garfield and Friends (48263) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (78263) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (59911) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (83271737) **1.45** Baby Follies (83269992) **2.00** Barney and Friends (7466) **2.30** Babar (8060) **3.00** Casper and Friends (1413756) **3.15** Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (101282) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (100553) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1019379) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (8824)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (4395089) **7.15** Pee-Wee's *Playhouse* (210379) **7.45** Rugrats (202350) **8.15** Doug (304282) **8.45** Nickalive! (8020756) **9.00** Nick Jr (239850) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? *(98319)* ***12.30pm*** *The Muppet Show (54669)* **1.00** Smoggies (95992) **1.30** Galaxy High School (46840) **2.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (4350) **2.30** Harry's Cat (2244) **3.00** Grimmy (3485) **3.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego (4089) **4.00** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (6824) **4.30** Rugrats (2008) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (5602) **5.30** Odyssey (6060) **6.00** Doug (3973) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (7553)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (1785027) **4.30** Earthfile (1774911) **5.00** Search for Adventure (91854379) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4189992) **7.00** Next Step (2719485) **7.30** Future Quest (1775640) **8.00** Dinosaurs, Dead or Alive? (9491534) **9.00** Reaching for the Skies (9411398) **10.00** The Blue Revolution (9414485) **11.00** Special Forces (1563535) **11.30-12.00** Those Who Dare (2641534)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Unearthly Stranger (1963) (6891669) **1.30pm** Drama Classics (5821805) **2.00** The Avengers (2640805) **3.00** The Rat Patrol (2781602) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (1760718) **4.00** FILM: Dr Goldfoot and the Bikini Machine (1965) (2792718) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (1759602) **6.30** Cannon (1960027) **7.30** The Invisible *Man (1779466)* ***8.00*** *The Avengers* (9488060) **9.00** The New Avengers (9408824) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Boxcar Bertha (1972) (2713878)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (6891008) **7.00** Living Magazine (8109466) **8.00** Go for It (5881927) **8.30** Bon Voyage (6231466) **9.00** On the House (6031260) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7976534) **10.05** Now You See It (7089850) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (1979084) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7603621) **12.00** Masterchef 1992 (6066911) **12.35pm** Bon Voyage (48850089) **1.05** Kilroy (8803534) **2.00** Agony Hour (1583282) **3.00** Living Magazine (7289244) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (65789089) **4.00** Infatuation (9606263) **4.30** Crosswits (9802447) **5.00** Take Six Cooks (3028060) **5.35** The New Mr and Mrs Show (7635640) ***6.05*** *The Susan Powter Show (8975114)* **6.30** Brookside (9807992) **7.00** Living Magazine (9356466) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (9365114) **9.00** FILM: Woman of Brewster Place (1989): With Oprah Winfrey (98783669) **10.55** Enjoy! (5693814) **11.00** Brookside (1128244) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (1588737)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (8718) **5.30** Teen Win, Lose or Draw (9176) **6.00** Boogies Diner (391060) **6.25** All Clued Up (980331) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (1282) **7.30** My Two Dads (9553) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (45534) **9.00** Moonlighting (65398) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (40992) **10.30** GP (59640) **11.00** Lou Grant (36060) **12.00** Rhoda (28409) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (83848) **1.00** Dangermouse (72916) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (15119) **2.00** Moonlighting (63428) **3.00** Lou Grant (12577) **4.00** Rhoda (67119) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (93409)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (68157) **6.30** The Grind (16718) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (68262) **8.00** VJ Ingo (906737) **11.00** The Soul of MTV (57553) **12.00** Greatest Hits (99756) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (684718) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8477355) **3.45** Cinematic (5822260) **4.00** *MTV News at Night (1021114)* ***4.15*** *3 from 1* (1011737) **4.30** Dial MTV (6422) **5.00** Hit List UK (62114) **7.00** Greatest Hits (38244) **8.00** Hall of Fame Special (47992) **9.00** The Real World 3 (10350) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (48737) **10.30** Coca-Cola Report (555535) **10.45** Cinematic (680240) **11.00** MTV News (557373) **11.15** 3 from 1 (907094) **11.30** The End? (52605) **1.00am** Soul (29461) **2.00** The Grind (78225) **2.30-5.00** Night Videos (384480)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9348640) **9.00** Café VH-1 (8660602) **12.00** The Bridge (1047379) **1.00pm** Videos (9358027) **1.30** Ten of the Best (9072824) **2.30** Heart and Soul (3140602) **3.30** Into the Music (5787373) **6.00** Prime Cuts (4455973) **6.30** VH-1 to 1 (4479553) **7.00** VH-1 for You (5340640) **8.00** VH-1 Album Chart (5337176) **10.00** The Bridge (4041176) **11.30** The Nightfly (4042805) **1.30am** Ten of the Best (5224206) **2.30-7.00** Dawn Patrol

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Jeers and questions met by silence at C&G meeting

By Liz Dolan

MORE than 1,000 Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society members travelled to Cheltenham at the weekend for a special meeting at which none of their questions about the takeover of the society by Lloyds Bank were answered.

The meeting at Cheltenham Town Hall came on the eve of a crucial week for building societies. It was held after Friday's deadline for postal votes on the C&G and Lloyds Bank merger, but before the High Court's decision, due tomorrow, on the validity of benefits proposed for members of the Halifax and the Leeds societies, which in November revealed plans for a merger and subsequent flotation. The latter will benefit all members of both societies, including borrowers, whereas the terms of the C&G/Lloyds merger exclude all borrowers and more than 10 per cent of investors from a share of the £1.8 billion payout.

The C&G meeting was forced on the board by C&G Alternatives, the 3,000-strong action group, which wants a rethink of the society's merger plans.

Members jeered, stamped and slow-handclapped as question after question from the floor during Saturday's meeting was met with complete silence by assembled board members. Ignoring repeated chants of "answer, answer", John Bays, the chairman, could only refer members to a prepared statement that he intended to read out at the end of the meeting, as he called for further questions.

Andrew Longhurst, the chief executive, who made no attempt during the meeting to give reasons for his silence, told journalists afterwards that individual questions could not be answered because: "We cannot give information to a small group of investors. We have to be careful that all information is made available to all members." Borrowers were not allowed to attend the meeting. Mr Longhurst added that answers to a number of questions were included in the prepared statement which, in the event, was never read out.

Virtually all those at the meeting voted in favour of all four resolutions but, when votes sent in by members who did not wish to attend were included, the resolutions were lost by a majority of two to one.

Paul Rivlin, leader of C&G Alternatives, said: "We always knew the result would be determined outside the hall." He denied the meeting had been a waste of time because: "A lot of people wanted the board to hear what they had to say. If mutuality means anything at all, their views should be heard."

If Saturday's result was mirrored at the official merger meeting, to be held in London on Friday, March 31, the takeover will be blocked. But this is considered unlikely as fewer than 45,000 of the 1.3 million members voted on the resolutions. For the merger to go through, at least 75 per cent of investors who vote must be in favour.

Euro Bank may quit HQ in the City

By Colin Narbrough

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) could soon leave its lavish premises in Broadgate in the City as a result of the cost-cutting programme imposed by Jacques de Larosiére, its president.

However, bank officials yesterday dismissed reports that the German Government had invited the EBRD to leave its Broadgate headquarters for Bonn. They underlined that the bank's statutes set out that it will be based in London.

The EBRD has a 25-year lease agreement with Deutsche Bank, but Deutsche's plan to concentrate its international investment banking in the City could provide the EBRD with an escape route.

M de Larosière has sought to cut costs by sub-letting parts of the building, but still considers the £17 million annual rental bill too high. Docklands is understood to be one of the options he is considering.

☐ The Russian nuclear industry, whose lax safety regime has long concerned Western experts, is to become a partner in the Slovak power plant project that is the biggest investment planned to date by the bank. Inclusion of the Russians is likely to increase opposition to the scheme. Last week, Slovakia requested that an EBRD decision today on financing be postponed indefinitely.

S&N close to £600m deal for Courage

By Jon Ashworth

SCOTTISH & Newcastle (S&N) is poised to buy Courage for up to £600 million in what will herald a sweeping shakeout in the UK brewing sector.

The move would create Britain's biggest brewing group, and go a long way towards removing the overcapacity that has plagued the sector.

Talks on a potential deal are understood to be at an advanced stage, although sources close to the companies emphasise that no decisions have been taken. S&N would not be drawn on speculation yesterday. The company has been examining ways of restructuring its UK operations.

The deal is almost certain to catch the eye of the Office of Fair Trading, which is conducting an inquiry into wholesale beer prices. Big brewing chains, including Courage, have been compelled to grant huge discounts to independent pub owners to persuade them to take their products. This has opened a gulf between discounted prices and the deals on offer to the brewers' own tied public houses.

The enlarged group would embrace some of the UK's best selling brands. Courage, owned by Foster's, the Australian brewer, is known for its Directors bitter, Webster's and John Smiths. It distributes Kronenbourg and Holsten. S&N is expected to win the rights to brew and distribute Foster's in the UK and Europe as part of the deal. Foster's bought Courage for £1.4 billion in 1986, but subsequently wrote down the value of its Courage assets as a perceived sweetener for prospective buyers.

S&N, based in Edinburgh, owns Theakston's, Younger's and Newcastle Brown. It distributes premium bottled beers such as Becks, from Germany, and Coors, from America. S&N has a high-quality pub estate, bolstered by the purchase of 1,650 Chef & Brewer outlets from Grand Metropolitan in 1993.

The deal would bring synergies. Courage tends to focus on the territory south of Birmingham, while S&N is strong in Scotland and the North.

Whitbread was in the bidding for Courage, but withdrew from negotiations this month. Courage has about 20 per cent of the UK beer market, making it the second biggest player after Bass. A deal with S&N, with a 12 per cent market share, would eclipse Bass.

Brewing and public houses each contribute about a third of S&N's profits. The rest comes from a highly profitable investment in CenterParcs, the holiday resort chain.

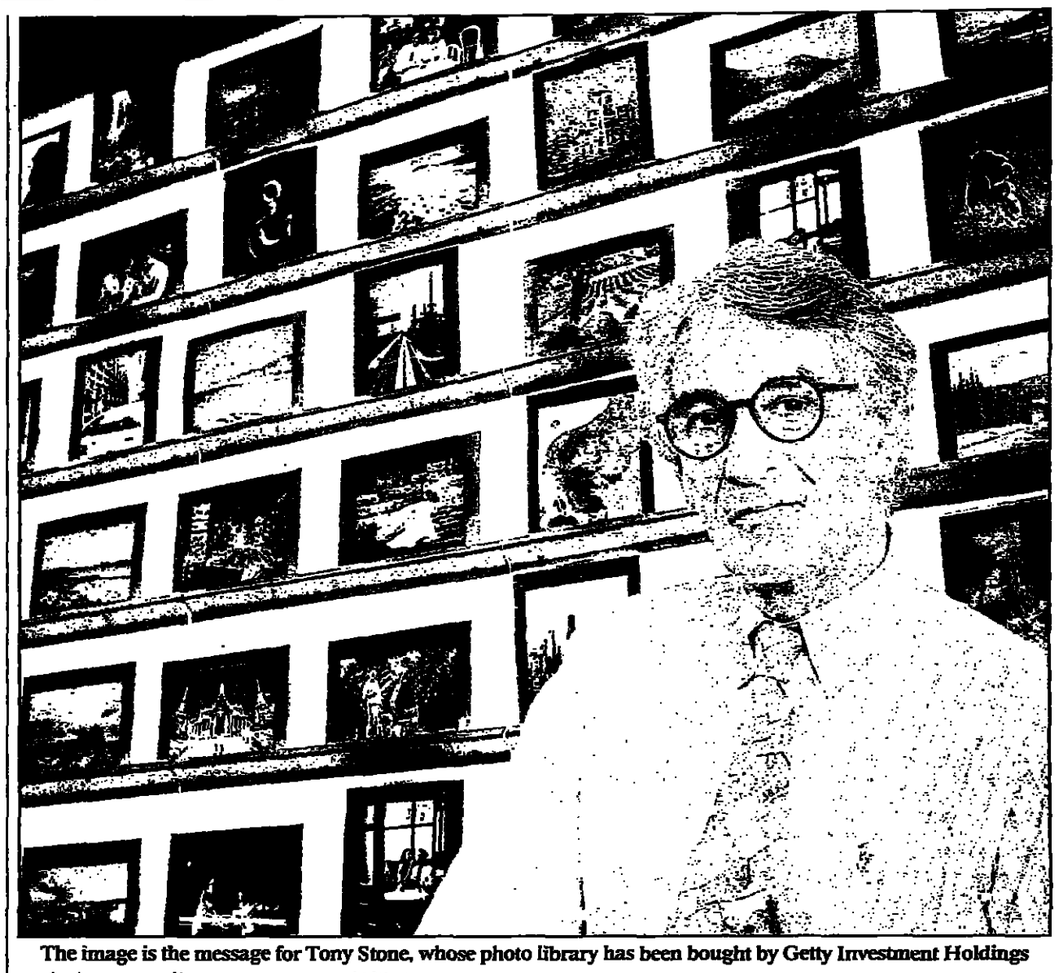
The link between the two houses would come against a backdrop of unprecedented change in the brewing sector. Big players such as Courage and Bass have become burdened by excess brewing capacity at a time when supermarket sales and direct imports are cutting deeply into beer consumption. Half a dozen supermarket chains are said to have captured 50 per cent of all beer sales. The sale of Courage could lead to the closure of unwanted plants.

Brewers are concerned about the flood of cheap beer from France. A price war in the wholesale market has seen discounts of up to 40 per cent on a barrel of beer and bitten deeply into margins.

The brewing industry has been in a state of flux since 1989, when a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry gave rise to the "Beer Orders", which aimed at ending the big brewers' stranglehold on Britain's pubs.

The brewers were forced either into mass sell-offs of their pub portfolios or into releasing many outlets from the ties that required them to stock their owners' brands.

☐ More than 2,500 jobs are to be created this year by Whitbread Inns as part of an £85 million expansion of Brewers Fayre. The company plans to invest in 50 new sites. Next year, the chain should increase to more than 280.



The image is the message for Tony Stone, whose photo library has been bought by Getty Investment Holdings

Getty gets the image with Tony Stone

By Jon Ashworth

A CONSORTIUM backed by the Getty family, Hambros Bank and Lord Rothschild has bought Tony Stone Images (TSI), one of the world's top five non-news photo libraries, in a deal worth up to £30 million. The purchase of the north London company is the first in a planned series of strategic acquisitions.

Getty Investment Holdings, a US-based holding company, is understood to have paid between £15 million and £30 million for an 80 per cent stake in TSI. Existing management has bought the rest.

Mr Stone, the South African-born photographer who founded the company in 1969, said the deal would help propel TSI into a new phase of growth. He said: "Our plans for expansion can now be followed a little faster. Not only are we going to become a major presence in East Asia, but we haven't even started looking at South America."

The agency draws on a core collection of 30,000 contemporary colour images for use by advertising agencies and design consultancies for an average fee of £400 per sale. Two former Hambros bankers, Mark Getty and Jonathan Klein, become joint chairmen of TSI. The pair have spent more than a year seeking a suitable acquisition for the Getty family trusts with a view to building a focused investment portfolio. The Getty family sold their oil interests to Texaco for $11 billion in the early 1980s.

Signet faces pressure for meeting

SIGNET, the jewellery group formerly known as Ratners, is expected this week to bow to calls for a special shareholders' meeting to discuss ways of enhancing investor value (Jon Ashworth writes).

Bank of New York, acting for American investors, is understood to have collected enough votes to requisition a meeting. The requisition order is expected to be submitted to James McAdam, chairman of Signet, in the next few days.

The move comes in the wake of growing dissent from holders of preference shares, who are owed more than £100 million in unpaid dividends.

Goldsmiths, the jeweller, and Argos, the shopping group, are interested in Signet's UK jewellery chains, H Samuel and Ernest Jones.

Personnel managers favour action on top executives' pay

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S personnel managers overwhelmingly believe that action is now necessary to control top company executives' pay.

The findings of a survey of personnel directors and managers come as pressure continues to mount over senior corporate salaries, especially those in privatised utilities. The Commons' all-party Employment Select Committee will continue its inquiry into the issue tomorrow.

The survey, carried out for *Personnel Today*, suggests that unease about top executives' pay runs to high levels in Britain's companies. The survey of a sample of 400 personnel leaders shows that as many as four out of five of the UK's personnel directors and managers believe action over top pay is now necessary.

When asked about the committee set up by the Confederation of British Industry under Sir Richard Greenbury, the Marks & Spencer chairman, 80 per cent of those surveyed were in favour of new moves. While two-thirds believed that the Greenbury committee should draw up a voluntary code to control pay, only 35 per cent were in favour of it advocating a legislative approach.

Asked specifically whether they would back legislation that made directors' pay subject to shareholders' approval, support for new laws was much stronger, with 71 per cent in favour, and only 27 per cent against.

The survey shows little difference throughout between personnel specialists at director and manager level, with support for new laws giving shareholders approval over directors' pay backed by 68 per cent of personnel directors and 71 per cent of managers.

In reply to the survey, Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the Institute of Directors and a member of the Greenbury committee, makes clear his opposition to new legislation. He said: "It would be a short step to a pay policy which would move down the ladder to managers and employees."

On pay in the economy generally, settlements are rising in line with inflation, with most companies paying larger increases now than they did a year ago, according to the latest evidence on pay deals.

Looking at more than 230 pay settlements in the first three months of the year, Incomes Data Services, the independent pay analyst, suggests that two-thirds of the deals studied are now providing for increases of 3 per cent or more, although it says that most deals have not yet taken account of the recent jump in inflation. Retail price inflation rose again last week from 3.2 to 3.3 per cent.

But higher inflation is starting to show through, IDS suggests, citing Shell UK Oil increasing its pay offer to 500 process workers at its Stanlow refinery on Merseyside from 3 to 3.35 per cent after the sharp increase in inflation in January from 2.9 to 3.3 per cent was announced. The deal, which had been rejected by the workforce, was then accepted.

IDS says that a third of deals are now running at 2 to 2.9 per cent.

Offer to Polly Peck creditors

CREDITORS of Polly Peck International are being offered a first distribution of 1.75p in the pound.

The proposed scheme of arrangement has been posted to 1,200 creditors of the company, which went into administration in October 1990 with estimated debts of £1.3 billion.

Asil Nadir, the chairman, jumped bail in 1993 and fled from Britain to northern Cyprus to avoid prosecution on charges of theft and false accounting involving £34 million.

The total payment of £23 million is at the top end of the range indicated to creditors in November.

Chris Barlow, the administrator, said yesterday that he expected up to a further 2.6p in the pound to be paid from the sale of the northern Cyprus assets and the sale of an 18 per cent stake in Sansui, the electronics firm. This estimate excludes any money recovered from Stoy Hayward, the accountant, and Citibank, which is being pursued for claims running into several hundred million pounds.



Nadir: serious blow

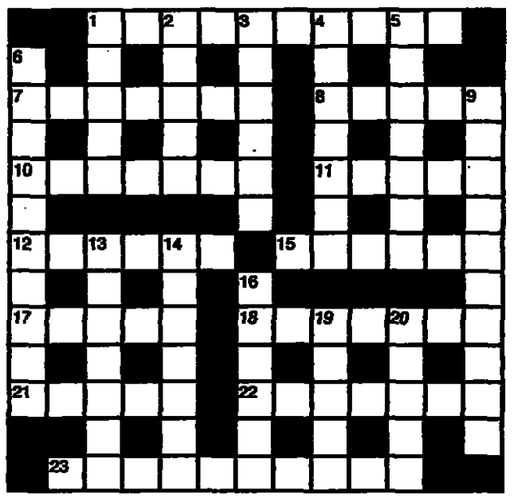
Approval of the scheme by creditors will be sought at a meeting scheduled to be held in London on April 26.

It was announced on Friday that the northern Cyprus assets, including hotels, Unipac, a cardboard box company, and Sunzest, a citrus fruit operation, had been bought by Learned, a Turkish-Cypriot company.

Mr Barlow said: "I am delighted to say that, if approved, this scheme will allow us to make a distribution to creditors which will be at the upper end of the range we indicated in our November 1994 report to creditors. Further distributions are likely to follow as and when assets are realised."

Shareholders of Polly Peck International will receive nothing under the scheme of arrangement. The sale of the businesses represents a serious financial blow to Mr Nadir.

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ACROSS

1 Risk all in gamble (2,3,5)
7 Green gem (7)
8 Greek city-state; law and order force (Scot) (5)
10 First Christian martyr (7)
11 Loire province, formerly English (5)
12 Horrified (6)
15 Team, cast member (6)
17 Striped game animal (5)
18 Provided with (money, qualities) (7)
21 Assessed (5)
22 Salty inland lake (4,3)
23 Retail display deadline (4-2,4)

DOWN

1 Parson's land (5)
2 Show very quickly; streak (5)
3 Gnawing type of animal (6)
4 Archangel; Renaissance artist (7)
5 Wet blanket (7)
6 King of Babylon, had fatal Feast (10)
9 Fair treatment (6,4)
13 Regular patron (7)
14 Disgraceful affair (7)
16 One's prime (6)
19 Literature for stage (5)
20 Use to no effect (5)

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